

Inspection Report

Section 1:

Name of applicant or current licence holder:

Name of circus:

Location of circus:

Postcode:

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Date and start time of inspection: Date and finish time of inspection:

Preamble to Inspector's Report*

This was an announced touring inspection.

The circus management and staff were extremely co-operative and provided all requested information .

The circus was sited on a well drained field site on the edge of the town previously used as a showground. This allowed use of large electric fenced paddocks for the grazing animals. The tented animal housing was in place and inspected. The big cat trailer was positioned so not visible from the road or by any public visiting the site at any time. The big cat pen was in place and secure.

During the performance the licensed animals appear in the following acts;

Big Cats - 2 lions and Tigress only - 11 minute performance. The tigress performs a roll, jumps a gate and jumps through a LED lit hoop. These activities were well within the ability of the animal.

The lions perform various jumps between pedestals, a sit up and a 'kiss' with the handler. Again all within the ability of the animals.

The animals did not appear stressed or distressed. The handler uses targets and the training complies with well document and recognised positive reinforcement training methods and target training used widely in zoo animal management. The trainer does not at any point hit the animals and they were never seen to recoil or flinch. Non of the animals refused to do any of the activities and appeared comfortable at all times.

The 'cage' was inspected and was considered to be secure. At least 5 A* rated members of staff were present at all times around the ring in case of emergency.

The Raccoon appears for an act of 2 minutes and walks around the edge of the ring and weaves between poles placed on a raised platform accessed by a sloping ramp. He is on a lead handled by an A* rated member of staff at all times. This was well within the animals natural ability.

The Fox appears for less than 2 minutes and rides a donkey. It is handled by an A* and an A rated handler. Neither animal appeared stressed or dstressed.

The reindeer, zebras, camel and Ankole only appear in the exotic animal parade which lasts less than 5 minutes. All animals are lead around the ring by appropriately rated staff member whilst a commentary is played.

The snakes appear for less than 3 minutes draped over a performer. A single snake was brought out for photo opportunities with the public at the interval. The animal was handled by 2 appropriately rated staff members. A third member of staff supervised the use of alcohol hand wash after the activity ensuring that everyone use the gel and were told to wash their hands when they got home. The snake was used for around 10 minutes.

*This might include general background of the circus (type of animals, number of animals and information obtained from the stock list and the other required forms supplied by Inspectorate at Bristol) and any relevant information gathered prior to the inspection

Information and guidance about the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 is available at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/circuses/>

Section 2: Findings at Inspection

Level of compliance should be included in report using a RAG rating - Green – full compliance/minor breach (no action required)/ Amber – breach identified (remedial action recommended) / Red – significant breach (action required).

<p>(1) Staff</p> <p>Is unsupervised access to licensed animals restricted to authorised persons?</p>	<p>The staff list was updated on 7th September 2014. During the inspection compliance was observed at all points. The SOPs are well established and utilised.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(2) Healthcare</p> <p>Do all licensed animals appear to be in good health?</p>	<p>On visual examination all the animals appeared in good health. The Ankole bull is receiving topical treatment to mild periorcular inflammation caused by flies. This is not of concern and was responding well.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(3) Environment</p> <p>Are areas used by licensed animals operated in a way that provides good welfare?</p> <p>Are areas a suitable size?</p> <p>Are areas in good condition and free from hazards?</p> <p>Are areas sufficiently secure?</p> <p>Are areas suited to the social, behavioural and environmental needs of the animals?</p> <p>Do animals have sufficient access to exercise and enrichment?</p> <p>Are areas hygienic and clean?</p> <p>Do areas have a suitable floor?</p> <p>Are environmental factors managed, including shelter from the elements?</p> <p>Is due regard had for species specific guidance?</p>	<p>The camel, zebra and Ankole have access to large electric fenced paddocks for the majority of the day only being brought in during very bad weather or in the case of the Ankole if the flies were very bad. They are monitored almost continually. On this site the animals were not tethered for grazing. The perimeter fence of the site was complete and so if the animals had escaped the only exit was the single field gate which is managed at all times. The paddocks were behind the Top and the trailers so not visible to the public. The indoor facilities were as previous inspections. the camel and ankole are tethered using headcollars. The zebra have a large pen which they are loose in. Straw beds are provided. The reindeer have a large fenced pen and access to their travelling trailer for shelter and therefore have continuous free access to grazing. Straw beds are provided. The racoon and fox are housed in their standard trailer with the outdoor pens attached. A variety of enrichment items were available and they were both given locusts as scatter feed during the inspection. The big cats were housed in their custom built wagon. This has been modified since the last time this inspector has seen the facilities to include a very effective crush cage facility to allow close examination and inspection. The outdoor pen was attached and included various enrichment items such as logs, tyres, balls and a large water trough which they could climb into if they wished. The animals are given access on a rota basis which is recorded on the daily sheets. All animal accommodation was clean hygienic and well managed. No compatibility issues were observed. The 3 snakes are housed in their dedicated wagon as before. A long branch was present which would allow the largest snake to stretch out completely. The minimum and maximum temperatures are recorded and the temperature is maintained at a relatively constant 27C. Humidity is now recorded daily too and is around 70%.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(4) Diet</p> <p>Is food stored properly?</p> <p>Is food prepared properly?</p>	<p>The forage (hay and straw) was of a high quality and stored to avoid contamination and water. The dry food stuffs are stored in a circus wagon which is vermin and weather proof. The food is stored in barrells and is commercial animal feed appropriate for the species kept. The meat for the big cats is stored in a dedicated freezer</p>	<p>G</p>

	appropriately marked to comply with animal by-products legislation. The temperature is monitored and recorded on a daily basis. The preparation area is clean and appropriate tools are available. Food for the snakes is purchased when needed and is not stored.	
<p>(5) Display, training and performance</p> <p>Are the precautions required by the assessment of welfare risks carried out?</p> <p>Are animals fit for the activities expected of them?</p> <p>Are only suitable areas used for display, training and performance?</p> <p>Are display, training and performance correctly staffed?</p> <p>Are items of equipment (including aids, props, costumes, decoration etc) designed, maintained and used appropriately?</p> <p>Are the animals checked after carrying out activities?</p> <p>Are there signage and announcements to inform the public?</p>	<p>The inspectors observed the performance and attended the public viewing at the end of the performance. Details of the acts are included on page 1. The risk assessments are up to date and accurate. All animals were fit to perform and were asked to undertake activities well within their individual abilities. The animals only perform in the ring which was well drained, covered with sawdust. The appropriately trained and authorised staff undertook all activities. All props were well maintained and modified to maximise safety. All equipment was checked by one staff member and then double checked by another when being placed in the ring. Pedestals and ramps all have non-slip surfaces. All tack is made for the individual. All animals are checked after completing their performance as they are returned to their accommodation. There are public announcements and adequate public supervision at all times.</p>	G
<p>(6) Breeding</p> <p>Are the health and welfare needs of animals during all stages of the breeding process met?</p> <p>Is guidance on fitness followed?</p> <p>Is suitable veterinary care provided?</p>	<p>The camel and Ankole are solitary and so non-breeding. The reindeer are contracepted. The big cats are either contracepted or never given access to each other and are therefore non-breeding. The circus would like to breed zebra in the future but the animals are not yet mature. When they become mature the care plans will be modified as necessary</p>	G
<p>(7) Transport</p> <p>Check for evidence of unfit animals being transported. Can you confirm this is not the case?</p> <p>Are transport containers and any fitting (etc) suitable?</p>	<p>All animals were fit for transport. All transport vehicles were inspected and considered fit for purpose. The zebra travel loose in a separate horse box, the reindeer travel in a dedicated trailer. The camel and Ankole travel in the large animal wagon in individual stalls. The snakes, racoon and fox travel in their own purpose built vehicles.</p>	G

<p>(1) Tour Itinerary</p>		
<p>Confirm that the inspectorate was informed of the correct current and future location of the licensed travelling circus.</p>	<p>The tour itinerary was provided and was accurate. This site was the last one of the season and in 3 days the circus will travel the 6 miles to winter quarters. The tour sites are usually close together and journey time is very short.</p>	G

<p>(2) List of licensed animals</p> <p>Confirm that every animal present which is covered by the licence is uniquely identified</p>	<p>The identity of the fox, racoon, 3 snakes, reindeer, camel, Ankoles and Zebras were all confirmed by reading the microchips.</p> <p>The owners of the big cats have worked very hard at training the animals to enter a crush cage for microchip reading. They have bought their own reader so they can train the animals regularly. The microchips of Tsavo and Syas were read and confirmed. The older tigress has a very old microchip which could not be read by the either the owners reader or the one provided to the inspector. The Approved Vet has read and confirmed the chip recently. The animal is very compliant and if the correct reader was available the procedure would be very simple</p> <p>The identity of the animal was confirmed very easily using the passport documents produced.</p> <p>The tiger AltI and the lion Assegai are more nervous of the crush and were upset by the presence of strangers and despite multiple attempts their chips could not be read. The INSPECTOR instructed that the procedure should be halted in order to protect human safety and animal welfare. Both animals' identity was confirmed from the photographic passports. The tigers chip has been read by the owners in the last few days, it was just unfortunate that at the time of inspection the animal was upset. The owners have not been able to read the lion's chip despite him usually being very willing to use the crush (this animal was the last one and so had been upset by the whole procedure and multiple attempts to read the tigers chip). They have sought advice from Defra as to whether they should have the animal rechipped it is thought that as the animal has matured his chip is underneath his mane and cannot be read but Defra has not given a definitive answer. The owners are prepared to rechip the animal but as this would require sedation would appreciate confirmation this is required.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(3) List of current location of licensed animals</p> <p>Confirm that the whereabouts of all animals covered by a licence</p>	<p>All animals on the licence were present.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(4) Individual records</p> <p>Confirm that a single source of information about an animal's signalment (age, breed, sex, etc) health and welfare history, including all relevant clinical, health and behavioural data is quickly available at the present location of the animal.</p>	<p>All individual records were available and up to date.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(5) Care Plans</p> <p>Do Care Plans demonstrate that good welfare standards have been planned for and put into practice?</p> <p>Do they record that the welfare needs of licensed animals are being provided for? (Particular note should be taken of the daily record sheets)</p>	<p>Care plans were present and in use and up to date. They contain information on enrichment, welfare risks and all other components of the requirements set out in the Regulations</p> <p>Diet sheets are provided. The big cats diets sheets show weighed amounts of meat on a daily basis.</p> <p>Breeding plans are in place but no breeding is envisaged in the near future.</p>	<p>G</p>

<p>Are they reviewed regularly?</p> <p>Group Care Plans and Individual Care Plans should each include sections on:</p> <p>(a) assessment of welfare risks</p> <p>(b) behavioural and environmental enrichment</p> <p>(c) breeding</p> <p>(d) dietary requirements</p> <p>(e) preventative medicine</p> <p>(f) retirement</p> <p>(These sections may be cross referenced to avoid duplication of recording)</p>	<p>The veterinary programme and preventative medicine programme is in place and recorded.</p>	
<p>(6) Daily Records</p> <p>Do the Daily Records record include all factors relevant to welfare of the licensed animals</p> <p>(a) Diet</p> <p>(b) Training, including results of checks carried out after activities</p> <p>(c) Environment</p> <p>(d) General Observations</p>	<p>Daily record sheets are maintained in a clear and comprehensive manner and archived as necessary for review.</p>	G
<p>(7) List of authorised persons</p> <p>Confirm that only persons that have appropriate qualifications, experience or supervision are permitted to access and care for the licensed animals</p>	<p>The list of authorised persons was updated on 7th September and is displayed clearly.</p>	G
<p>(8) List of authorised persons on duty</p> <p>Confirm that someone is in overall charge of the animals at all times.</p> <p>Do circus staff know who is currently on duty and how to contact them urgently?</p>	<p>The duty staff is displayed clearly with contact numbers.</p>	G
<p>(9) Journey plans</p> <p>Confirm that sufficient planning is being done before embarking on a journey.</p> <p>Are plans updated with important details about the actual journey afterwards?</p> <p>Is a contingency plan in place for each journey?</p> <p>Does a suitable person travel with the animal?</p>	<p>Journey plans and records of present and complete. Contingency plans are in place. The circus travel in a convoy and so all staff are present and able to assist if necessary.</p>	G

<p>(10) Veterinary Care</p> <p>Are the lead vet and the circus in good communication?</p> <p>Is the lead vet providing continuity of care, veterinary oversight and advice on Care Plans?</p> <p>Are routine quarterly visits carried out by veterinary surgeons?</p> <p>Does the lead vet attend at least two of the inspections (of which one of which must be at a tour site and one at winter quarters)?</p> <p>Are general healthcare and treatments properly administered?</p>	<p>The lead vet has completed inspections on 17th March 2014 at the Winter quarters. A veterinary inspection by a local vet occurred on 30th July 2014 in Knutsford and the lead vet attended on the 6th October.</p> <p>Reports were available for the first two inspections and is pending for the final inspection</p> <p>The Ankole;s TB record has been correctly updated.</p> <p>All medications were recorded appropriately.</p>	<p>G</p>
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THE FOLLOWING SPACE IS PROVIDED FOR:

- **ADDITIONAL NOTES AND COMMENTS ON THE ANSWERS TO THE EARLIER QUESTIONS**
- **ANY GENERAL REMARKS WHICH THE INSPECTOR MAY WISH TO RECORD**

The management and staff continue to make every effort to comply with the licensing requirements. The records and documents are maintained to a high standard and are up to date and the archived documents are readily available for review.

All the recommendations made in previous inspections have been complied with and implemented.

There has been correspondence regarding the provision of water in the 'waiting area' at the back of the Top during performances so I considered this in detail. In my opinion provision of water in this area is not necessary or desirable. The animals spend less than 5 minutes in this area - literally the time taken for the ring master to announce the act. They are brought over from their dedicated housing which contains fresh, clean drinking water at all times which is directly adjacent to the Top. They perform and return immediately to their dedicated housing. There is not time to offer them water. A water trough in this area would pose a significant hazard both as a physical obstruction and if spilled as it would make the ground very slippery and muddy right at the entrance to the ring. There are absolutely no welfare implications regarding water provision to the animals.

The owners of the big cats have made considerable efforts to train the animals for reading of the microchips. They will continue to work on this training which will be helped by the investment they have made in their own microchip reader. The recording of the tigers chips has now been corrected. It should be noted that working with these animals is always going to be unpredictable and reading the chips in a training situation with the owners present is different to when strangers are present and tension is high to try and get all the chips read. I, as the Inspector, stopped the procedure as I was concerned about the safety of the owners and the well being of the animals whom were injuring themselves on the wire. It should be noted that Syas's chip has been checked at both of the last inspections (25th June 2014 & 9th October 2014), Alti was read and checked on 25th June, Assegai on 25th June and Tsavo on 9th October - so these animals have been checked and confirmed by an Inspector this year. Nadia has a very old chip which cannot be read by modern readers. We do not know the brand of the chip and there is no way to find this out once it is in the animal so Inspectors cannot request a specific reader. The appropriate readers for a chip this old are not widely available. The animal is very compliant and if the chip was readable it could be easily checked, indeed the lead vet has checked this chip. The lion Assegai's chip was read on 25th June at the inspection but cannot be located now - the owners think it may be because his mane has grown considerably and is now blocking the chip. They have received conflicting advice regarding re-chipping the animal from Defra, AHVLA [REDACTED]

Having inspected these animals previously, checked the microchips where possible and used the passports to identify distinguishing marks I am confident that these animals are the same individual animals between inspections and match the animals listed on the licence.

Please could Defra advise if the animals are required to be anaesthetised and re-chipped.

The vets report from his inspection on the 6th October is pending and so I was not able to review this document.

Section 3: Inspectors Recommendation to Defra

Having inspected (name of circus)

Jolly's Circus

operated by (name of operator).

Peter Jolly Snr

on: 9th October 2014

Summarise the potential impact of the issues found on the welfare of the wild animals in this travelling circus, noting the involvement of any other authority.

The circus is complying with the license conditions fully with no issues of welfare concern being identified on this inspection. All previous recommendations have been implemented.

Recommendation - 'The circus continue to be licensed'.

{This text will be transferred to the letter sent to the circus after the inspection}

Recommendation:

- Licence awarded / Continue to be licensed
- Documentary evidence to demonstrate improvements to be provided
- Early visit recommended to confirm that action taken
- Licence refused / suspended

(Please delete as necessary)

Signed:

[Redacted Signature]

Dated:

15th October 2014

Section 4: Decision

The Circus Licensing Panel, on behalf of the Secretary of State, makes the following decision:

- ~~It is recommended that a licence be refused/suspended~~
- It is recommended that the above circus be licensed in accordance with the Regulations

(delete as necessary)

Explanatory note if decision is different from recommendation

Signed:

Dated:

20/10/14

The Inspector should complete sections 1-3 and submit the signed form to the Wildlife Licensing and Registration Team, who will keep one copy and pass one to DEFRA. DEFRA will return a copy of the form with section 4 completed to WLRT.

The Data Protection Act 1998

Information supplied on this form will be used by Defra to monitor the implementation of the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations. The information will be held on a central database at Defra and will be used to issue relevant guidance and information to travelling circuses. The information will ~~also be used as a resource to develop relevant training and guidance for the Secretary of State's Circus~~ Inspectors and to field circus related questions and issues addressed from time to time by Non Governmental Organisations, members of the public, Members of Parliament, Government Ministers, other Government Departments. Defra may be required to release information, including personal data and commercial information, on request under the Environmental Information Regulation, the Code of practice on Access to Government Information or the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, Defra will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality nor will we act in contravention of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998.



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16 October 2014

Dear Mr Jolly

Routine inspection under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012

As you know, an announced inspection of your travelling circus took place on 9 October 2014 under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations).

Decision of the Circus Licensing Panel

In summary, the inspector found that your circus was complying with the licensing conditions with no issues of welfare concern being identified during the inspection.

As before, a copy of the inspection report is now attached for your information. You are reminded that, where an inspection report's use in deciding the status of a licence has been concluded, it is our usual policy to release inspection reports in response to any Freedom of Information request.

The inspector's findings have been considered by a panel of officials on behalf of the Secretary of State, who were satisfied that at the time of the visit the conditions of the Regulations appeared to be being complied with and who have recommended that your current licence is allowed to continue.

While the inspector was satisfied that all of the licence conditions are being met by your circus, the Panel did note there were still some identification issues concerning the reading of the microchips of all the big cats. However, we understand that the big cats have now left your circus and are no longer on your stocklist. Should you wish to re-add any or all of these big cats to your stocklist we would expect the microchips of all the big cats being added to be read before they re-joined your circus. If the microchips of the big cats cannot be read after they have re-joined your circus then we would consider this to be sufficient grounds to either refuse an application for the renewal of your licence or suspend any licence that might already be in place.

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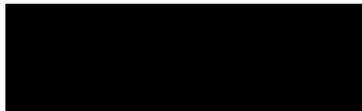
Further Inspections

This inspection completes the schedule of inspections planned for your circus for your current licence. However, I would remind you that the Secretary of State retains the power to undertake further announced or unannounced inspections during the remaining period of your licence. Additional inspections may also be required in response to changes in your stock list, any complaints received or concerns raised about the wild animals in your circus.

You will usually be charged for the costs of any further inspection visits, once they have taken place.

Licence Renewal

Your current licence is due to expire on 19 March 2015. If you wish to continue touring England with wild animals after 19 March we would advise you to renew your licence in good time, ideally before the start of your next touring season. As with your original application it could take up to 6 weeks to issue a renewal, assuming that the paperwork is in order and a visit can be arranged. A fee of £389.36 must still be paid when applying for a renewal.



(Issued on behalf of the Secretary of State)