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Date: 18 April 2016

Dear Ms Macmanus

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

As you know, an unannounced inspection of your travelling circus took place on 30 March 2016 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 current compliance is satisfactory.

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 (the "Panel"), 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, there were some additional points the Panel would like you to address:

1. The Panel noted the inspector's comment that the Camel 'Kachana' was suffering from diarrhoea. The Panel welcomed that you had already sought veterinary advice on this matter and the condition of the camel appeared to be improving. However, the Panel agreed to remind you to continue to pay especial attention to the well-

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being of the Camel and, in particular, that you should ensure that its weight is closely monitored and recorded (by the tape method outlined in your revised preventative medicine plan) with any action taken as necessary.

2. The Panel noted that the Camel 'Kashmere' was being muzzled due its biting behaviour. The Panel agreed to ask you to confirm the discussions that have taken place with your lead vet about this, including about what may have triggered the biting behaviour. If you can confirm these discussions have taken place you should ensure they are recorded in the animal's care plans.
3. The Panel noted that the camel and reindeer were being tethered temporarily while you were arranging for additional fencing. The Panel agreed to ask you what your proposed timescale was for the additional fencing.

Please supply the above information by 25 April.

Further Inspections

We made clear to you when issuing your licence that there would be at least two additional inspections during the year. The inspection on 30 March 2016 represented one of these inspections. There will be at least one further announced inspection during the year. The Secretary of State also 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.

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(Issued on behalf of the Secretary of State)

Inspection Report

Section 1:

Name of applicant or current licence holder:

Name of circus:

Location of circus

Tel no. Fax no.

[REDACTED]		
<input type="text" value="[REDACTED]"/>	<input type="text" value="[REDACTED]"/>	Carol Macmanus
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Date and start time of inspection:

Date and finish time of inspection:

Preamble to Inspector's Report*

Circus Mondoa is on tour operating under it's current license.
The site was situated on a field next to a garden centre. The field was fenced securely with thick hedge and post and rail fencing with a full 5-bar gate.
The animal accommodation was situated behind the performance tent out of view of the general public.
The full compliment of licensed animal was present on site - 2 Bactrian Camels, 2 Reindeer and 1 Zebra.

*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>Yes</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(2) Healthcare</p> <p>Do all licensed animals appear to be in good health?</p>	<p>The young camel currently has diarrhoea. The animal was seen by a veterinarian 6 days before the inspection (24/3/2016) the circus was advised that the diarrhoea is due to the animal being weaned off milk and therefore milk should be gradually reduced. Rehydration fluids for oral administration were provided. The animal was wormed with Ivermectin. The animal had not improved significantly so the circus consulted the Lead Vet who provided Praziquantel to worm the animal for Trichuris specifically. On the day of the inspection the animal was bright, alert and responsive. It was not dehydrated. The diarrhoea was improving. The animal has not been in the performance during this period. There are no signs of diarrhoea in any of the other animals this camel has direct contact with. Both reindeer are moulting and have some areas of thin fur. On examination there is no evidence of infection or inflammation. The animals have been treated with Ivermectin on 23/2/2016. They are receiving 30mg prednisolone each per day to reduce pruritis and inflammation. The zebra's dose of prednisolone for it's arthritis has been increased to 60mg per day during the winter period. He is showing no signs of lameness or stiffness.</p>	<p>Green</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</p>	<p>The animals are all housed in the previously inspected animal tents. The enclosures were specifically measured at this inspection. The reindeer had 36m² and were housed together. The juvenile camel had 27m², the adult camel 80m² and the zebra 18m². This is all in excess of the minimum indoor requirements set in the standards. In addition the adult camel and the reindeer are neck tethered for the whole morning to graze. The zebra is allowed loose around the secure site. The juvenile camel is given access to the whole animal tent where the pens are all joined together to create an area in excess of 200m² to exercise.</p> <p>The juvenile camel and the zebra have rugs to wear in cold weather.</p> <p>The ground was clean and dry in all pens. Ad lib hay was provided as were mineral or salt licks.</p> <p>All other requirements set in the standards are being met.</p>	<p>Green</p>

specific guidance?		
(4) Diet Is food stored properly? Is food prepared properly?	Yes - Food stored in closed barrels. Hay was produced at the winter quarters so providence is known.	Green
(5) Display, training and performance Are the precautions required by the assessment of welfare risks carried out? Are animals fit for the activities expected of them? Are only suitable areas used for display, training and performance? Are display, training and performance correctly staffed? Are items of equipment (including aids, props, costumes, decoration etc) designed, maintained and used appropriately? Are the animals checked after carrying out activities? Are there signage and announcements to inform the public?	The juvenile camel is not currently performing due to diarrhoea. The reindeer and zebra walk one lap of the ring at the beginning of the performance. The adult camel is ridden by children but does not perform. The camel wears a webbing horse grazing muzzle when working as he started trying to bite the circus staff member leading the pony in front of him. This fits well and causes the animal no distress. (Photographs can be provided to the panel if required). The circus have been advised to modify his risk assessment to reflect this. All other harness and halters were inspected. No props or equipment is used.	Green
(6) Breeding Are the health and welfare needs of animals during all stages of the breeding process met? Is guidance on fitness followed? Is suitable veterinary care provided?	No breeding is possible as all animals are males	Green
(7) Transport Check for evidence of unfit animals being transported. Can you confirm this is not the case? Are transport containers and any fitting (etc) suitable?	Transport vehicles were inspected.	Green
(1) Tour itinerary Confirm that the inspectorate was informed of the correct current and future location of the licensed	The itinerary was correct and up to date. The itinerary for the future was supplied on the day and will be submitted to Defra this week.	Green

travelling circus.		
<p>(2) List of licensed animals</p> <p>Confirm that every animal present which is covered by the licence is uniquely identified</p>	Yes - all microchips checked and read successfully !	Green
<p>(3) List of current location of licensed animals</p> <p>Confirm that the whereabouts of all animals covered by a licence</p>	All licensed animals are with the circus.	Green
<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>	Inspected. New system for recording veterinary information is working better as vets are complying with requests to leave more detailed information.	Green
<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>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>	Inspected. Preventative medicine programmes were revised at the last routine lead vet visit on 23/2/2016.	Green
<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>	Checked and up to date,	Green

<p>(b) Training, including results of checks carried out after activities</p> <p>(c) Environment</p> <p>(d) General Observations</p>		
<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>Inspected</p>	<p>Green</p>
<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>Inspected - on display on office wall</p>	<p>Green</p>
<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>Inspected and correct. Maximum journey time 2 hours and maximum distance 85 miles.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<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 is communicating with the circus and engaging with the circus inspection process more thoroughly. Veterinary notes are more detailed and he has revised the preventative medicine programmes. It is now easier to understand ongoing treatments and approaches to cases. The last routine visit was undertaken at [REDACTED] winter quarters on 23rd February 2016. Treatments given are recorded.</p>	<p>Green</p>

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**

All issues identified at the previous inspection have been addressed.

The circus is having additional fencing for outside grazing produced as the camel and reindeer walk through the current electric fencing used (by this circus and other licensed circuses) this is why they are currently neck tethered.

Section 3: Inspectors Recommendation to Defra

Having inspected (name of circus)

Circus Mondao

operated by (name of operator).

Carol Macmanus

on: 30th MArch 2016

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.

No issues were found.

{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:

2nd April 2016

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:

M Casale

Dated:

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.

[REDACTED] (Defra)

From: carol macmanus <carol.macmanus@[REDACTED]>
Sent: 24 April 2016 22:21
To: [REDACTED] (Defra); Circus Animals; [REDACTED] (APHA); Ronabrown

Dear circus animal welfare team

Thank you for our copy of the unannounced inspection report.
please find answers below to the additional points the panel would like us to address.

1. With regards to monitoring Kachana even more closely we agree this needs to be done and we will continue to weigh him, (by the tape method) on a regular basis. Should any further worries regarding his health arise we will discuss this fully with our lead vet and keep you informed. We will also keep his records up to date on a daily basis. Kachana is very bright and happy and in very good body condition, he is eating hay and additional stock nuts with a variety of fruits and veg, he is still having bottles of milk 3 times a day but at a greatly reduced rate as advised from the vet as we are trying to wean him, this could also be a factor in him scouring. We had the vet on 21st april (a local practise we have used on occasions) she checked Kachanas body condition which she said was very good and listened to his stomach which she said all sounded good. she believes this is something he will grow out of this was wrote in her report.

2. Kashmere muzzle= We have only had brief talks with our vet re this as we are well used to Kashmeres behavior prior to, during and after the rutting period. myself and my family have been working and handling camels for over 40 years . Some male camels become difficult to handle when rutting. kashmere is an exceptional intelligent and well behaved for a full stallion camel but when he is in rut and coming out of rut he has a habit of trying to show his dominance over the handler . Kashmere does not always show aggression during this period but when he does it is sensible to muzzle him. We feel this is best practice for H&S and ensures our staff and family are safe. Once the rut has passed we fully expect Kashmere to return to his usual normal camel behavior and we can remove the muzzle. We will record all and any changes in his behavior and any further discussions with our vet regarding this, plus when and if we stop using the muzzle. His behavior is nothing new he has always done this as it is part of his hormonal changes during the rut, we decided to try muzzling as an experiment and he actually likes playing with the muzzle and it keeps his mind occupied while doing the rides before the show .

3. Tethering= There seems to be a miss understanding re tethering, we have no plans to stop tethering our camel and reindeer as we find this enriches there life as we can move them onto fresh grass on a regular basis and near to trees etc so they can browse, we mentioned to [REDACTED] during the inspection that was was waiting on a delivery of some new fencing to extend there inside / outside enclosures.
the fencing has now arrived and it is in use. but we have never planned to stop tethering we just wanted to add more area so that when they are in the stable area the fencing can be inside and outside of the stable tent so they have access to sit out in the sun or inside in the shade, after our winter quarters / start of season inspection in February by [REDACTED] we decided to

enlarge there enclosure as he appears to have issues with our enclosure sizes, if you wish to see pictures of the enclosures i can take some and send to you.

current enclosure sizes

kachana 63 m2

kashmere 126 m2

reindeer together 81 m2

all the above animals go outside grazing in the day time (weather permitting) for approx 4 to 6 hours a day.

if you have any more questions or would like us to send you some pictures please do not hesitate to contact me.

kind regards

Carol Macmanus

[REDACTED] (Defra)

From: carol macmanus <carol.macmanus@[REDACTED]>
Sent: 31 May 2016 21:55
To: [REDACTED] (Defra)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Zebedee

Hi [REDACTED]

We had to have Zebedee put to sleep tonight, I am not at the show. When I get back tomorrow I will sent you and the team the vet report

Regards Carol