



Inspection Report

Section 1:

Name of applicant or current licence holder:

Name of circus:

Location of circus:

 Postcode:

Tel no. Fax no.

<input type="text" value="[redacted]"/>	<input type="text" value="Mr P Jolly Snr"/>	<input type="text" value="[redacted]"/>
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Date and start time of inspection:

Date and finish time of inspection:

Preamble to Inspector's Report*

This visit is an announced winter quarters inspection, carried out by the nominated inspector unaccompanied on this occasion as a consequence of sickness of the nominated AHO. The Circus Management and staff provided all necessary details and access to areas during the inspection.

The information supplied prior to the inspection was verified and found to be correct, the list of authorised persons was up to date and consists of persons mainly with a long period of experience of working with this circus

At the time of the inspection the Circus was located at the winter quarters which are located at [redacted]. The site is an area on a South Western facing slope of the hillside just outside [redacted]. The total area is approximately 7 acres+. The area adjacent to the approach road has been levelled and holds the caravan living/parking area, which is adjacent to the secure entrance gate. Adjacent to the Caravan pitches are the hooped stock quarters. These consist of a building with concrete foundations and mixed block, timber, metal construction, which is sub-divided internally into a number of loose boxes/stalls, a service area, and a grain /feed store. The building has natural and artificial light, fresh water supplied from an on site natural spring and power if required. The building has an outdoor hard standing which can be used when weather conditions may make field grazing unsuitable. The building opens onto a yard which leads to a series of large paddocks with S.W facing aspects which consequently benefit from sunshine even in the winter months. Access to the paddocks is controlled through the day by the operator and all animals are housed indoors at night during the winter period. All hooped stock is housed in this area. The Snakes are housed in the travelling wagon quarters during the winter where the accommodation is as described on previous inspections. The raccoon and fox are also housed in the travelling wagons for the winter and both have permanent access to adjacent outdoor enclosures

The received stock list of non-domestic animals was correct. The stock list referred only to the animals requiring licensing under the regulation but the presence of numerous domestic species on the premises is noted.

No performances take place during the winter and all animals are rested for this period. Training which is minimal as licensed animals are only paraded or displayed in the show, commences when on tour. Other acts which include domestic species (Dogs, goats, cats, doves, geese, donkeys, ponies, horses) are all performed by previously trained animals.. No evidence of compromise of welfare was noted and all animals

appeared healthy on visual inspection.

Tour itineraries for the commencing weeks of the season were confirmed with the operator, the later locations will be confirmed in advance with APHA as the season progresses.

It was noted that there is no intention at present to add to the existing stock for this season, nor to include any large felids in the circus. Performance routines of the animals currently held and to be licensed will follow much the same pattern as in previous years.

*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 indicates the practice for access to and management of, the animals. The majority of staff have worked with this circus for some years and are familiar with SOPs.</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 animals appeared in good health, were well kept and housed in clean conditions.</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>Outdoor facilities: Large fields for grazing animals. Yes. On the site inspected . Several paddocks are available for use and access is controlled by the operator during the winter period.</p> <p>Yes. 7 acres in total available.</p> <p>Yes . All fields are fenced and some shrubs and trees are present where appropriate for shade/shelter.</p> <p>Yes. Entrance to the site is via a steel gate which is immediately adjacent to operator living areas inside. Yes. Extra enrichment is provided in the fox and raccoon pens. The Snakes have branches for climbing and water for bathing.</p> <p>Yes. Hoofed stock have access to large grazing areas controlled by fences and monitored almost continuously. Yes. Internal quarters were clean with adequate light and weather-proofing. Grassed areas were heavily worn in some places but there is extensive alternative on this site.</p> <p>Yes . Management of the animals in winter is closely monitored.</p> <p>Yes Particularly for the exotic species held.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(4) Diet</p> <p>Is food stored properly?</p> <p>Is food prepared properly?</p>	<p>Food storage is in a dedicated area in the main animal house. Feed is held in rodent proof bins in a secure closed area. Hay and bedding is available in plentiful supply. Standard commercial foodstuffs appropriate for the species kept are supplied and forage of suitable quality is adequately presented. Access to fresh water is always available from on site natural spring . Reptile food is kept in an appropriate cold/freezer storage.</p>	<p>G</p>

<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 inspector did not observed a performance as none are held or practiced at this time of the year on this site.</p> <p>Yes. Compliance in this respect was noted by reference to risk assessments and verbal enquiry.</p> <p>Yes. All animals seen appeared healthy.</p> <p>Yes . No Display or performance takes place at these quarters. This only occurs when on tour.</p> <p>Yes. As far as can be confirmed at these quarters and by reference to paperwork provided on site,</p> <p>Yes. All props, tack, costumes and decorations are adequate and safe where contact with the animals occurs. Most show tack is custom made to fit. None of the "show" tack is in use at present.</p> <p>Yes. All are checked on completion of their performance after being returned to their quarters and any abnormalities noted.. This was confirmed by verbal interrogation only and cannot be verified when not on tour.</p> <p>Not applicable on this inspection..</p>	<p>G</p>
<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>Yes. The camel and ankole are solitary so no breeding will occur. They have been housed adjacent to the other hoofed stock for several years and no abnormal behaviour has been recorded. There does not appear to be any welfare problem or incompatibility.</p> <p>Yes . See note later re Vet care etc.</p>	<p>G</p>
<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>Yes. All animals seen were fit for transport.</p> <p>Yes. The animal wagons are purpose built and have access ramps leading to the flat bed area which has non slip flooring and appropriate swing partitions to allow separation of animals as required. All animals are trained to load quietly and are hand led on halters to their stalls.</p>	<p>G</p>

<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>A written itinerary was supplied for the opening weeks of the tour period which appeared correct and included details of approximate distance and duration of journeys. When on tour most journeys are relatively short and take less than half a day for completion and set up. Itineraries for the subsequent moves were not available at the time of inspection, but will be forwarded to APHA when agreed.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(2) List of licensed animals</p> <p>Confirm that every animal present which is covered by the licence is uniquely identified</p>	<p>All animals on the list supplied were present and identities confirmed by microchip or approved ear tag as per the information supplied.</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>YES. All animals listed were present at the location of the winter quarters.</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>YES. Individual records were available for inspection and information therein appeared up to date and accurate. All such paperwork was easily accessed and clear in presentation.</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>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>YES. Care plans were present and in use and appeared up to date and accurately recording procedures.</p> <p>YES. Behavioural activity and enrichment was provided for in the care plans and confirmed by observation at the site.</p> <p>YES. Diet sheets are constructed with appropriate content and the recommendations therein appear to be followed.</p> <p>YES if so required, according to health, state of any physical cycles , or other significant factors etc.</p> <p>Yes . General welfare risks have been assessed and the specific risks associated with the exotic species held identified.</p> <p>Yes behavioural and enrichment requirements appear to have been fulfilled adequately.</p> <p>Breeding plans were present but no activity is contemplated at present.</p> <p>Yes. Diet is adequately catered for in line with accepted practice.</p> <p>Yes. retirement plans are present.</p> <p>The veterinary programme including preventative medicine is present and records confirm compliance.</p>	<p>G</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>YES.</p> <p>All records appear to be kept and archived as required</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Records are clear, comprehensive, compliant and up to date.</p>	<p>G</p>

<p>(7) List of authorised persons Confirm that only persons that have appropriate qualifications, experience or supervision are permitted to access and care for the licensed animals</p>	<p>The authorised persons list is complete and compliance throughout the period of the inspection was noted. The current list as supplied by APHA was confirmed.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(8) List of authorised persons on duty Confirm that someone is in overall charge of the animals at all times. Do circus staff know who is currently on duty and how to contact them urgently?</p>	<p>YES. Arrangements are in place and as far as I am aware are working satisfactorily. YES.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(9) Journey plans Confirm that sufficient planning is being done before embarking on a journey. Are plans updated with important details about the actual journey afterwards? Is a contingency plan in place for each journey? Does a suitable person travel with the animal?</p>	<p>Journey plans and records of subsequent journeys for the last season were present and appeared complete. Contingency planning has taken place and is documented and staff are aware of procedures. Animal Wagons are driven only by Category "A+/A" staff, who are assisted /accompanied by at least 1(Usually2) category A or B staff. The circus normally travels in one group i.e. in "convoy", which should add another level of safety for contingency action</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(10) Veterinary Care Are the lead vet and the circus in good communication? Is the lead vet providing continuity of care, veterinary oversight and advice on Care Plans? Are routine quarterly visits carried out by veterinary surgeons? 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)? Are general healthcare and treatments properly administered?</p>	<p>YES. At the time of this inspection , Veterinary visits had taken place as required and the number carried out by the Lead Vet was in compliance. (6.10.2014, 7.1.2015) YES. Visits are followed by a written report with any relevant recommendations and are filed accordingly. YES. YES one visit completed the other will be during the tour programme. Routine anthelmintic treatment has taken place. The veterinary activities are recorded on the animal's record sheets and confirmed by veterinary correspondence. YES. As far as I am aware</p>	<p>G</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**

The management and staff make considerable effort to fully comply with the current requirements and are receptive to constructive advice to ensure ongoing compliance. The records are clear and are in a standard format in use by the Circus Association to which they belong.

Records appear up to date, clearly completed and safely stored. General management and staff competence appears good.

I was not able to see complete evidence of the lead vet CPD, although relevant information is available, which indicates adequate CPD for most of the species held i.e. Hoofed stock, canidae etc. The operator was advised to ensure that evidence of CPD in the reptile species held will be available at the next inspection. Veterinary records were detailed and comprehensive and indicated ongoing care for the all species held.

Temperature and humidity for the snakes were both in line with recommended levels and confirmed by records.

Items for attention:

1. The Ankole is tagged and intradermally tested for TB twice yearly. This is recorded by the operator in the animal's record and now countersigned by the veterinary surgeon carrying out the test. This should be completed following each test.
2. The next routine veterinary visit will be carried out during the tour season 2015.
3. There is now an additional reindeer in the group. When on tour these are housed and grazed separately from the other hoofed stock. It should be ensured that the outdoor enclosure area adequately meets the requirements recommended under the guidance and should be extended if so required to meet this.

Section 3: Inspectors Recommendation to Defra

Having inspected (name of circus)

Jolly's Circus

operated by (name of operator).

Peter Jolly Snr

on: 9/02/2015

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.

Current compliance is satisfactory. Record keeping appears accurate and complete. No animal welfare problems are noted at present. The welfare of the ageing animals is closely monitored and ongoing Veterinary care appears prompt and to a high standard.

Under "Recommendation" below, it is not possible to strike out worded areas in the electronic format, so the recommendation " THAT THE CIRCUS CONTINUE TO BE LICENSED " is made in this section.

{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:

10/02/2015

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 if different from recommendation

Signed:

S. G. Ellis.

Dated:

23/02/15

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.



Department
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Food & Rural Affairs

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Date: 23 February 2015

Dear Mr Jolly

Application for a licence under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012

As you know, following your application for a renewed licence under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012, an inspection took place on 9 February 2015.

Decision of the Circus Licensing Panel

In summary, the Inspector found that your circus was complying satisfactorily with the circus licensing regime and that your circus should continue to be licensed.

The inspectors' findings have been considered by a panel of officials on behalf of the Secretary of State, who have recommended that a licence be issued to you for the period of twelve months from 20 March 2015. A copy of the licence is enclosed with this letter.

A copy of the inspection report is also attached for your information. As you are aware, where an inspection report has been used in deciding the status of a licence, and no further matters are pending, it is our policy to release the report in response to any Freedom of Information request.

Further inspections

During the twelve-month period of your licence, there will be at least two further inspections. An inspector will be in touch with you during the year to arrange at least one of these inspections. There will also be at least one inspection that will be arranged without your prior knowledge. During these unannounced inspections, you will be expected to co-operate fully with the inspector as you would for any announced inspection. The inspector will provide identification on request and you will be able to contact us on the above number (during office hours) to confirm the identity of the inspector should you wish. A refusal to allow an inspector to inspect premises during one of these unannounced

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inspections would be treated as a failed inspection which could result in your licence being suspended or revoked.

As has been indicated previously, you will also be charged for the costs of these further inspection visits, once they have taken place.

Should you have any queries about the terms of your licence, or any other aspect of these regulations or any other animal welfare issues, please contact us at the address or number above.

S. C. Ellis.

(Issued on behalf of the Secretary of State)



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**WELFARE OF WILD ANIMALS IN TRAVELLING CIRCUSES (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2012**

LICENCE TO OPERATE A TRAVELLING CIRCUS USING WILD ANIMALS

The Secretary of State being the appropriate national authority responsible for licensing the use of wild animals in travelling circuses hereby licenses

Name of licence applicant: PETER JOLLY Snr.

Office held: PROPRIETOR

To operate the travelling circus using wild animals known as: JOLLY'S CIRCUS

This licence is issued in accordance with the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 for a period of one year and shall remain in force from 20 March 2015 until 19 March 2016, subject to the power of the Secretary of State under the Regulations to suspend, reinstate or revoke the licence.

Issue date: 23 February 2015

Signed:

Name in capitals: SUE ELLIS

Office held: CHAIR, CIRCUS LICENSING PANEL, DEFRA

On behalf of Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs