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Date: 6 October 2016

Dear Ms Macmanus

## **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 30 September 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, the Panel did note the inspector's comment that your stocklist was not up-to-date. The Panel recognise that you had kept Defra/APHA informed about the euthanasia of your Zebra, Zebedee, but would be grateful if you could now supply to Defra/APHA an updated stocklist by **20 October**.

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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 12 March 2017. If you wish to continue touring England with wild animals after 12 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.

*M Corale*

(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:

Postcode:

Tel no.  Fax no.

Name of Inspector	Name of Accompanying Officer	Name(s) of Circus Representative
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Carol Macmanus
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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

### Preamble to Inspector's Report\*

This visit is an announced touring inspection, carried out by the nominated inspector and accompanied by [REDACTED] Animal health Officer, APHA .

The circus is operating under a current valid license.

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 apart from the removal from the stock list of the aged Zebra [Defra/APHA were aware of this]. The relevant animals to be inspected were: 2 neutered male reindeer, 1 male adult and one young, Bactrian camel . The young camel had been microchipped for identification following normal procedures and the chip reading tallied with that supplied on the stock list

At the time of the inspection the Circus was located at a Farm-based site used as a car boot site, close to a major traffic intersection close to Silsden, Yorkshire The site was on a large level grassed field with parking for cars adjacent and a substantial area for outdoor grazing available. At the time of the inspection the site was well drained with easy access.

**PERFORMANCE NOTES:**

1. Camel and pony rides are offered prior to the performance and at the interval for about 20-25 minutes in each case. These are at walking pace only, supervised by category A personnel and with two category B personnel to each animal- one leading and the other supporting the rider.
2. Domestic species performances are mainly horses and are basic dressage manoeuvres or simple turns and pedestal stands. Each performance a maximum of 5 minutes. Other acts included llamas..
3. The male adult camel appears in one part of the show which involves a parade round the ring at walking pace. Total time approx 2-3 minutes. At no time did the animal exhibit any signs of distress.
4. In the parade which takes place in the early part of the show the Camel , reindeer, and other non licensable species parade around the ring at walking pace. Approx time as above 2-3 minutes. All licensed

animals appear only in the first half of the show.

\*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).

Standards and Conditions	Comments/clarification	Level of Compliance (R/AG)
<p><b>(1) Staff</b></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 and most staff have toured with this circus for some years and are familiar with animal management and SOPs. Any newer staff are supervised if handling licensed animals.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(2) Healthcare</b></p> <p>Do all licensed animals appear to be in good health?</p>	<p>On visual examination, all animals appeared in good health. The young camel appeared healthy and had put on considerable weight since the last inspection. It is now too large to weigh easily but estimated weight using a horse tape indicate steady gains.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(3) Environment</b></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:</p> <p>Yes. Grazing was present in a large grassed area adjacent to the Big top site and immediately adjacent to the indoor enclosures. The site was dry, well drained and the grazing plentiful and of good quality.</p> <p>Yes, Indoor accommodation is adequately spacious and comfortably exceeded the species specific guidance indicated in the regulations.</p> <p>Yes all areas clear and free from hazard..</p> <p>Yes, wagons are grouped round and close to the indoor animal areas for protection</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes Very extensive outdoor grazing enclosed by electric fencing.</p> <p>Yes, grass outdoors. In the indoor areas grass is covered with straw and/or chippings if necessary.</p> <p>Yes. The indoor accommodation is of a high standard and weatherproof, but can be opened up in hot weather.</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(4) Diet</b></p> <p>Is food stored properly?</p> <p>Is food prepared properly?</p>	<p>Food storage is in a dedicated area in one of the circus wagons. Food is stored in vermin proof and water repellent barrels. Standard commercial foodstuffs appropriate for the species kept are supplied and forage of suitable quality is adequately presented. Access to fresh mains water is also available on this site.</p>	<p>G</p>

<p><b>(5) Display, training and performance</b></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>Yes all risk assessments are complete. The inspectors observed a typical performance. Reindeer appear only in the ring "parade" and do not "perform" as such. The adult male camel is used for supervised rides prior to the performance and at the interval. Supervision overall is by two Category "A" personnel, the animals (including a horse) when used for rides being led by Category "B" handlers. Equipment/tack is of appropriate type and fit. Yes all animals are fit for the activities. Yes. Compliance with the licence conditions of this section was noted.</p> <p>Yes. Senior trained staff are always present.</p> <p>Yes. All tack and other equipment appeared well kept and suitable for use and where required is tailored to fit.</p> <p>Yes. Checked immediately after performance as they are returned to quarters, which are immediately adjacent to the ring (10 metres).</p> <p>Yes. Announcements at beginning, interval and end of performance. Signage is present at the entrance to the animal quarters to re-inforce announcement content.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(6) Breeding</b></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 male adult camel is at present separated from the young male for security. The young male at present is kept in an enclosure adjacent to the adult male, but separated physically by a metal fence raised to a height such that there can be no aggression. The two animals are being familiarised with each other, with a view to eventual socialisation.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(7) Transport</b></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>No unfit animals are transported.</p> <p>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 allow separation of animals as required. All animals are trained to load quietly and are hand led on halters to their stalls. The wagons are of sturdy design and well appointed for transport.</p>	<p>G</p>

Records	Comments/clarification	Level of Compliance (R/A/G)
<p><b>(1) Tour itinerary</b></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 which appeared correct and included details of distance and duration of journeys. Itinerary for the future weeks was noted. The next venue will be at Wilsden (Yorks), then Tingley and the Circus returns to its winter quarters at [REDACTED] by the first week of November.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(2) List of licensed animals</b></p> <p>Confirm that every animal present which is covered by the licence is uniquely identified</p>	<p>The animals listed were present and identities confirmed by reading microchips. All microchips tallied with the stock list provided.</p>	<p>G</p>

<p><b>(3) List of current location of licensed animals</b></p> <p>Confirm that the whereabouts of all animals covered by a licence</p>	<p>All licensed animals present on site.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(4) Individual records</b></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>Individual records were available for inspection of all animals listed and information therein appeared up to date and accurate. Information is kept in hard copy files for each individual/ group as appropriate with back up to computer on a regular basis.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(5) Care Plans</b></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.</p> <p>Behavioural activity and enrichment was provided for in the care plans and confirmed by observation at the site. Day sheets were randomly checked and appeared complete and in order.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Diet sheets are constructed with appropriate content and the recommendations therein followed.</p> <p>Yes. Risk assessments for all likely eventualities were present.</p> <p>Present</p> <p>Breeding plans currently are not applicable as no breeding female animals are present.</p> <p>Yes diets for each animal/ group are recorded.</p> <p>Yes The veterinary programme including preventative medicine is present and records confirm compliance.</p> <p>Retirement is planned appropriately.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(6) Daily Records</b></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>Day records are now part of the established routine and SOP. These are reviewed and updated regularly by senior staff. All notable information is also recorded on computer.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes.</p>	<p>G</p>

<p><b>(7) List of authorised persons</b></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 authorised persons list is complete and compliance throughout the period of the inspection was noted. Most senior staff are permanent and seasonal staff are usually re-recruited from previous season's employment. Any new staff undergo induction and training and only progress when considered competent.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(8) List of authorised persons on duty</b></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>SOPs for these arrangements are in place and as far as I am aware are working satisfactorily</p> <p>Yes. There is always at least one senior staff member present and in overall charge</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(9) Journey plans</b></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 subsequent journeys were present and appeared complete. No plans were present after 1<sup>st</sup> November as the circus will return to winter quarters at that time.</p> <p>Contingency planning has taken place and is documented and staff are aware of procedures. Any changes are regularly noted. Any practices for contingencies should be recorded.</p> <p>Wagons are driven only by Category "A" staff, who are assisted /accompanied by at least 2 category "B" staff.</p> <p>Yes. All follow a similar basic pattern.</p> <p>Yes. The circus normally travels in one group i.e. in "convoy", which should add another level of safety for contingency action. All journeys between venues are of relatively short duration.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(10) Veterinary Care</b></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>At the time of this inspection, several extra Veterinary visits had taken place since the last inspection. These involved the visits treatment and euthanasia of the aged Zebra (31/05/2016) and some advice for mild enteric problems in the camel. (probably as a result of changing to adult diet) and attention to reindeer. Naughty</p> <p>Yes. Last lead vet visit 24/02/2016 and further one is imminent.</p> <p>Yes. several visits by vets have been recorded both for routine checks and treatment purposes all are recorded on the appropriate animal sheets. and in the veterinary records.</p> <p>Yes as far as I am aware (See above).</p> <p>Yes. Routine anthelmintic treatment has taken place. The veterinary activities are recorded on the animal's record sheets and confirmed by veterinary correspondence.</p> <p>No drugs on site at present but locked cabinet and records are available and present if required.</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 are now familiar with the inspection process and fully comply with the current requirements and are receptive to constructive advice to ensure ongoing compliance.

Records appear up to date, clearly completed and safely stored. General management and staff competence appears good. The standard of maintenance of infrastructure is high with all wagons and animal quarters being in very good condition and fit for purpose. Animals appear well cared for and content. No coercion of animals in performance was noted and in my opinion no animal was subjected to unnecessary stress or any other matter which would compromise welfare. The use of licensed animals in the performance is of very short duration and involves only walking around the ring in the initial parade and the use of the adult male camel for rides prior to the performance and at the interval.

1. The young camel is in good health and now well up to size and weight for his age. It has not always been possible to weigh the animal as he is now of a size that he cannot be lifted by one person and requires a large weighing apparatus to weigh. The operators have introduced a weight estimation method using a horse tape and the equine formula, which although not totally accurate for other species does indicate any changes in the approximated range. This shows a steady gain for the young camel and stable weights for the other animals measured. I am satisfied that current progress is good.

**Section 4: Decision**

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

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- ~~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 Conole*

Dated:

06/10/2016

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**

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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.

### Section 3: Inspectors Recommendation to Defra

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Having inspected (name of circus)

operated by (name of operator).

on:

**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. 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:

Dated:

[REDACTED] (Defra)

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**From:** carol macmanus <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 13 October 2016 16:35  
**To:** [REDACTED] (Defra); Circus Animals; [REDACTED] (APHA)  
**Attachments:** stock list.jpg

Dear All

Here attached new stock list as requested.  
we have not received your bill for the inspection yet.  
we are planing on finishing our season on the 30 October and the plan is to winter at our winter quarters

[REDACTED]

regards Carol

CIRCUS MONDÃO  
**STOCK LIST 2016**  
CURRENT LOCATION

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	NAME	ID NUMBER	LOCATION
CAMEL	CAMELUS BACTRIANUS	KASHMERE	981000100056068	On Tour Circus Mondao
CAMEL	CAMELUS BACTRIANUS	KACHANA	958000010301862	On Tour Circus Mondao
REINDEER	RANGIFER TARANDUS	NAUGHTY	985170002481161	On Tour Circus Mondao
REINDEER	RANGIFER TARANDUS	NICE	985170002496659	On Tour Circus Mondao

IF THIS SITUATION CHANGES WE WILL UP DATE OUR RECORDED AND STATE WERE THE ANIMAL ARE KEPT.  
 All these animals are still under circus mondaos care and handle by our staff.