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**Sent:** 27 May 2017 10:49  
**To:** Circus Animals; Circus Animals; Wildlife Licensing (APHA)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** re lead vet inspection reports  
**Attachments:** Qtrly Inspection 01.17 (1).doc; Quarterly Inspection 03.17.doc

Dear Defra Team

Please find attached Quarterly Inspection Reports from our Lead Vet.

beat wishes

11<sup>th</sup> January 2017

QUARTERLY INSPECTION

This is to certify that on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017, I visited Jolly's Circus at their Winter quarters near [REDACTED] to carry out an Inspection with regards to their Circus Licence.

All the relevant animals were inspected, and their ear tags and microchips checked, including:-

"India" the Zebu heifer, ear tag UK714626 500003 and microchip 941000017552900

"Kashmir" the camel, microchip 941000014733906

Four Reindeer, "Vixen" ear tag UKFN0837 5435

"Donner" tag UKFN0837 020

"Blitzen" tag UKFN0837 043

"Frosty" tag UKFN0837 00001

"Rio" the blue and gold Macaw, microchip 941000017552763

"Sammy" the fox, microchip 941000014733912

Three Raccoons, "Reggie" microchip 941000014733905

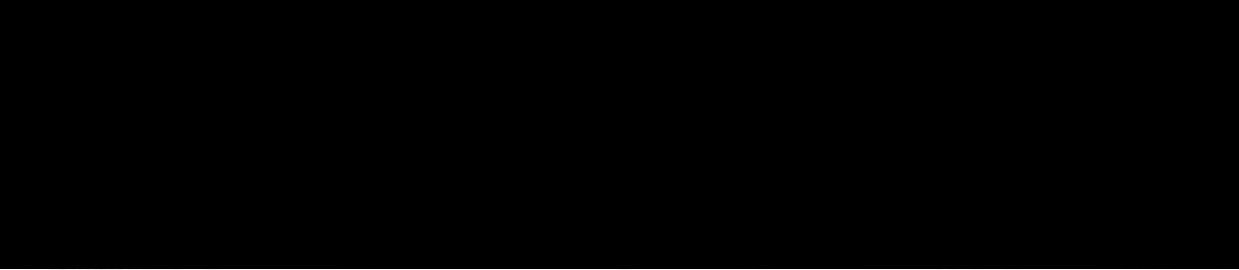
"Tinker" 941000019149344

"Tucker" 941000019149340

Three Zebra, "Watusi" microchip 756098100583252

"Zumba" 756098100590213

"Zulu" 977200009112163

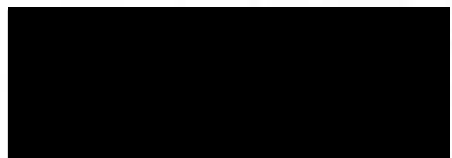
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- All the animals were weighed, the large ones estimated with a weigh tape, the small ones accurately on a digital scales. All the weights were recorded in the Jolly's stock sheets.
  - All animals were found to be healthy and free of all infectious disease and their body conditions were good.
  - The three zebra were given their second tetanus vaccination to complete their primary course.
  - The reindeer had their antlers removed using embryotomy wire, a routine procedure at this time of year. Antibiotic spray was applied.
  - Arrangements were made to castrate the two male raccoons, so to prevent any possibility of breeding.
  - The macaw cage was covered to prevent any ingress of and contamination by wild birds w.r.t the Avian flu outbreak.

After inspecting the animals, samples of the jolly's records were inspected including:-

- Daily records
- Individual care plans
- Updated stock lists
- Retirement plans
- Enrichment and Behaviour records
- Welfare and prev. med records

These were all immaculately kept.


I recommend continuing registration under the Welfare of wild animals in travelling circuses Act (England) Regulations 2012.





30<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Quarterly Report

This is to certify that at the request of the owner, I carried out a quarterly inspection of Peter Jolly's circus at their winter headquarters at  under the terms of their Licence.

The following animals were inspected, weighed and their microchips and/or ear tags read:

"India", a Zebu heifer, ear tag UK 714626 500003,  
M/C 941000017552900  
Weight 140kg.

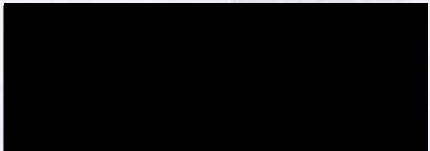
I also TB tested her and she passed.

"Kashmir" a Bactrian camel, M/C 941000033906  
Weight 749kg

Four Reindeer, ear tags UKFN0837 043 - 122kg  
UKFN0837 5435 - 122kg  
UKFN0837 020 - 155kg  
UKFN0837 00001 - 86kg

"Sammy" Fox, M/C 94100001473312 Weight 5.15kg

Three Raccoons, Reggie M/C 941000014733905 7.2kg  
Tucker M/C 941000019149340 5.2kg  
Tinker M/C 941000019149344 5.5kg





“Rio”, a blue and gold Macaw, M/C 941000017552763  
Weight 1.02kg

The large animals were weighed approximately with a weigh band, the small ones weighed accurately with a digital scales.

Three zebras, Watusi, Zumba and Zulu were inspected but their chips were not read nor their weight taken, as the closer examinations were stressing them in their stables. However they all appeared in very good condition and seemed healthy, like all the other animals.

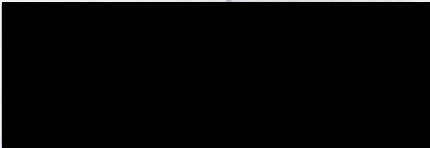
The reindeer had all had their feet trimmed, and their antlers were beginning to emerge again.


A new shed has been erected for the zebu and camel , who get on very well together. They use this in the day and they can run in and out as they want, depending on their mood and the weather.

The zebra also have the benefit of a poly tunnel for use if they wish in the day.

There are also new automatic filling drinkers put in for the camel, zebu and reindeer.

The macaw is allowed out again after the general avian restrictions have been lifted, and the outdoor section of his accommodation has been netted to prevent any ingress of





wild birds or their droppings to prevent any exposure to potential pathogens.

After the animal inspections, I also inspected samples of their records, including:

Daily records, sheets and files,

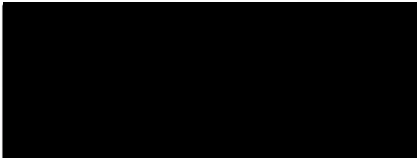
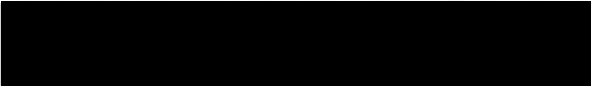
Individual care plans and retirement plans,

Enrichment and behaviour records,

Records of welfare assessments and preventative medicine protocols,

Medicine records.

On the basis of this inspection, animals and records, I recommend continuing Registration under the Welfare of wild animals in travelling circuses Act (England) Regulations 2012.





Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

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Date: 14 June 2017

Dear Mr Jolly

## **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 24 May 2017 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 comments that:

- the large horse used in the performance appeared lame at the trot, and
- there was no running water in your mobile public toilets.

The Panel agreed with the inspector's comments that you should, if you have not already done so, get the horse checked by a vet **as soon as possible to prevent any animal**

**welfare issues.** While not covered by the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012, you are reminded that the horse is covered by the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and it is your responsibility to ensure the horse is protected from pain, suffering, injury and disease.

In relation to your mobile public toilets, the Panel agreed that this presents a potential public health and health and safety risk and should be brought to your attention and recommended that it is dealt with appropriately.

### **Further Inspections**

We made it clear to you when issuing your licence that there would be at least two additional inspections during the year. The inspection on the 24 May 2017 represented one of these inspections. There will be at least one further announced inspection during the remaining period of your current licence. 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.



(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: LE12 7TZ

Tel no.  Fax no.

Name of Inspector	Name of Accompanying Officer	Name(s) of Circus Representative
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Peter Jolly Snr [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Date and start time of inspection:

Date and finish time of inspection:

Preamble to Inspector's Report\*

This was an unannounced visit to a touring site & included inspection of the animals before, during & after, the performance

\*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>YES. Full time staff mostly "A" or A+ category &amp; part time staff are mostly B. All have designated roles, displayed on printed notices</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(2) Healthcare</b></p> <p>Do all licensed animals appear to be in good health?</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>Fox claws recorded as clipped on 27/4/17 &amp; in good shape, as are the racoon's; macaw beak satisfactory. Hooves of all stock checked &amp; are satisfactory (All reindeer are moulting heavily)</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>YES to All</p> <p>The fox is housed satisfactorily as per previous reports. The licensed racoon is housed with 2 others &amp; the outside run has been doubled in width to 8ft (2.2m). It is the same length as before (16ft) &amp; contains balls &amp; other toys.</p> <p>The macaw has an adequate indoor area, which enables it to fully extend its wings in all directions, &amp; open access to an outdoor aviary approx. 12ft x 12ft &amp; 10ft high as previously. This contains ropes, poles, balls &amp; a mirror.</p> <p>The reindeer have their trailer of approx. 20ft x 7.5ft which acts as indoor accommodation large enough for all to use it at the same time to both lie down &amp; move around with free access to a grass paddock approx. 56ft x 16ft. This outside area can be rotated &amp; its size controlled to reflect the amount of grass available &amp; has a shaded area at one end.</p> <p>The 2 adult &amp; 1 juvenile zebra are housed together and have an indoor (tented) area of approx. 80sqm with a grassed "floor" + hay &amp; water. They are put outside in the morning &amp; are brought back into the tented area at 15.00 hrs.</p> <p>The camel &amp; zebu are housed together in the same tent in an area approx. 4.7 x 7.2m, again with hay &amp; water. The camel, zebu &amp; zebra share an outside paddock of approx 0.75ac. but this can be extended or restricted according to the availability of grass.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(4) Diet</b></p> <p>Is food stored properly?</p> <p>Is food prepared properly?</p>	<p>YES</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 TO ALL</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</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>Previously, YES, currently no breeding planned.</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 evidence of unfit animals being transported</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>G</p>

Records	Comments/Findings	Level of Compliance (NAG)
<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>Correct current location &amp; records show that previous locations were correctly given.</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>All animals checked &amp; found to have the correct ear tag or microchip The zebu has a microchip( 941000017552900) in addition to its ear tag.</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 are at the current touring 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 checked &amp; found to be satisfactory.</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>All checked &amp; found to be satisfactory.</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</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>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p>	<p>G</p>

<p><b>(7) List of authorised persons</b> Confirm that only persons that have appropriate qualifications, experience or supervision are permitted to access and care for the licensed animals</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(8) List of authorised persons on duty</b> 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_ list is posted  YES_ list is posted</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(9) Journey plans</b> 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>YES YES YES YES</p>	<p>G</p>
<p><b>(10) Veterinary Care</b> 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>As far as can be ascertained  YES  Yes  Lead vet has attended the winter quarters in January &amp; again on 27/3/17 but his report is not available. There has not been a veterinary visit to a touring site so far this year.  YES</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**

**1. No medicines were present on site.**

**2. On 27/4/17 the fox was taken off-site for filming purposes & his claws clipped, all fully recorded.**

**3. The lead vet is recorded as having visited the winter quarters on 4/1/17 and on 27/3/17 but no report covering this latter visit is available for inspection but the circus state it will be sent immediately to the Panel. The circus records indicate that on the last vet visit all the reindeer & the zebu had their front feet trimmed. There have been no visits by a local vet so far this year. Routine worming ( 3 x yearly) was carried out at the end of winter & the mid summer one is now due.**

**There are two other comments which are not directly related to the circus regulations but have welfare implications, one animal & one human:**

**a) The large horse used in the performance, appeared lame at the trot. When this was mentioned to P. Jolly Jnr after the show he indicated he was aware of the problem & would get a veterinary check "soon". This is obviously a welfare problem.**

**b) The mobile public toilets are in a disgusting state with apparently no running water to flush them. This was the same as at the inspection I carried out on 29/6/16 when I reported it to the management. In my opinion they should be warned about this.**

### Section 3: Inspectors Recommendation to Defra

Having inspected (name of circus)

JOLLYS

operated by (name of operator).

Peter Jolly Snr

on: 24/5/2017

**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.**

Overall, good adherence to the Licence conditions & no welfare implications

I would advise that the first two recommendations in the above list are followed.

{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:

27/05/17



**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 Casale*

Dated:

14/06/17

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.