

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
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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 inspection.

Since the last inspection on 14th April 2017 the circus has obtained a new zebra. The animal was bought from a private person in Wales on 26th May 2017 and hence this is the first occasion it has been possible for inspectors to examine this animal.

An animal behaviour specialist has visited the circus to examine and observe the adult male camel Kashmir with reference to his weaving.

Five animals are currently subject to the license, 2 male camels, 2 male reindeer and a male 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).

Standards and Conditions	Comments/clarification	Level of Compliance (R/AG)
<p>(1) Staff</p> <p>Is unsupervised access to licensed animals restricted to authorised persons?</p>	<p>I saw no evidence that unauthorised persons had access to the animals</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(2) Healthcare</p> <p>Do all licensed animals appear to be in good health?</p>	<p>Kashmir the camel is on bute for mild stiffness for a 2 week period, On inspection he was showing no physical signs of discomfort and was not lame. Naughty the reindeer is on antibiotics for his on going tooth abscess, Both animals have been seen by vets on regular basis and last on the 7th September.</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 specific guidance?</p>	<p>All enclosures met the requirements of the license. The camels had access to a large (5 acre) walled paddock at this site.</p> <p>The new zebra is currently not used to electric fences and walks through them so he has a fenced paddock which allows grazing which significantly exceeds the minimum requirements. He will be trained to use electric fencing at the winter quarters.</p> <p>The reindeer have their usual outside enclosure which has been inspected many times before and meets the requirements.</p> <p>All areas inside and outside were well maintained, clean, hygienic and dry. Ad lib hay and haylage was available.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(4) Diet</p> <p>Is food stored properly?</p> <p>Is food prepared properly?</p>	<p>The pelleted food is stored in sealed bins. Good quality hay and haylage was provided.</p>	<p>Green</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>No licensed animals are currently in the show. Kashmir provides rides at the beginning and in the interval and all the animals are on show in the 'zoo' afterwards.</p> <p>Kashmir is lead in a headcollar which fits properly and securely.</p> <p>Announcements were made at the beginning and throughout the show.</p> <p>The reindeer and Kachana the camel are not currently being trained.</p> <p>The zebra is lunged occasionally for training purposes. His headcollar fits adequately.</p>	<p>Green</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>All the animals are male and are not breeding</p>	<p>Green</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>All animals are fit to travel.</p> <p>I was shown the wagons and arrangements for the new zebra (which is not travelled in the same location as the old zebra). The zebra is travelled in a purpose designed transporter which is safe and secure. The flooring has rubber matting to ensure good footing.</p>	<p>Green</p>

Records	Comments/clarification	Level of Compliance (R/A/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 correct and accurate</p>	<p>Green</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 five licensed animals were present at the site. All five animals had their microchips read and confirmed.</p>	<p>Green</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 five licensed animals were on the site.</p>	<p>Green</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 correct and the new zebra has a complete individual record.</p>	<p>Green</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) assessment of welfare risks (b) behavioural and environmental enrichment (c) breeding (d) dietary requirements (e) preventative medicine (f) retirement <p>(These sections may be cross referenced to avoid duplication of recording)</p>	<p>The care plans were all correct and met the requirements including the new zebra's care plan.</p> <p>The weaving exhibited by the camel is being recorded. This behaviour is rare and follows no specific pattern for example over the last 3 weeks he has not been seen to weave at all.</p>	<p>In Green</p>
<p>(6) Daily Records</p> <p>Do the Daily Records record include all factors relevant to welfare of the licensed animals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Diet (b) Training, including results of checks carried out after activities (c) Environment (d) General Observations 	<p>Daily records are completed with sufficient detail.</p>	<p>Green</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>A detailed list of authorised persons and the tasks they are permitted to undertake is in place.</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>A list is posted in the office</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>Detailed journey plans were inspected.</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>Vet visits have taken place on 1st June 2017 to examine the new zebra, to check his microchip for passporting purposes and to vaccinate him.</p> <p>A routine vet visit was undertaken on 23rd June at which the zebra received his second vaccination.</p> <p>Kachana the male camel suffered from a mild bloat on 14th July and received medical treatment. He has since fully recovered.</p> <p>A further routine vet visit took place on 7th September 2017. I have reviewed this report.</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**

The new zebra 'Humbug' appeared fit and healthy. He was settled and relaxed at all times, including during handling to have his microchip read and in the 'zoo' post-performance when the public were present in the stabling tent. He has a full care plan including a preventative medicine programme which is being implemented. The animals needs are being met as set out in the regulations.

The reindeers' skins and coats are in very good condition with no evidence of dermatitis, alopecia, pruritis or other lesions. Naughty has a recurrent 'tooth abscess' problem which has received further investigation (since reported in the last inspection) including radiographs. The abscess seems to originate from a tooth socket and be due to food impaction so no surgical solution is possible. The lead vet recommends antibiotic treatments when required rather than further intervention at this stage. The socket should heal over time. The diet fed is appropriate and in line with zoo management standards so in my opinion a change in diet would not resolve this issue. It should be monitored carefully and reviewed at every routine vet visit.

The two male camels also have healthy skin and coats. Kashmir's lip lesion has healed completely.

The Lead Vet has informed the circus he is no longer able to provide this service. The circus has found a replacement lead vet who has experience of working with camels and equids. I advised them that the new lead vet should take over this role over the winter period when the circus is based at its licensed winter quarters in [REDACTED] as this will enable her to see the animals in a more traditional farm environment before she is expected to assess the animals on tour.

I inspected hard copies of all the reports and records (which is my standard practice rather than viewing them on the computer) and when printed out, I find them logical and can find the information needed. In my opinion, the previous inspectors comments relate to his preference rather than any failings in meeting the requirements of the regulation.

The circus was instructed to have the adult camel examined by an animal behavioural specialist with reference to his weaving behaviour. I was shown a comprehensive report supported by peer-reviewed evidence produced by an animal behaviour academic. It confirmed the information and opinion that I myself had given the Circus Licensing Panel (email sent on 1st November 2016) that:

1. The animal is displaying anticipatory behaviour in response to him about to receive food, contact with his preferred handlers or being given access to a preferred location (either going out to graze or returning to his stabling)
2. That actions to reduce this behaviour such as denying him what he wants or giving it to him immediately may both increase the weaving behaviour or potentially reduce his welfare (eg. by not giving him access to graze because he weaves).
3. The specialist interviewed the circus and found that it is highly likely that the circus's statement that Kashmir weaved before he arrived at the circus is correct as in the previous owners premises he was denied access to other camels (as he is a bull). Social deprivation is a recognised cause of weaving in both camels and horses. At circus Mondao Kashmir has always been housed with other camels.
4. It must also be recognised that there is no firm evidence that stereotypical behaviour is a welfare problem (Cooper et al 200; Henderson & Waran 2001) - indeed it is considered a coping strategy in response to frustration and that to stop this can cause an increase in cortisol levels which is considered to be an indicator of stress (Henderson & Warren, 2001).

The specialist has made recommendations regarding some actions to take and is in discussions with the circus to undertake longer-term monitoring for academic research purposes.

Section 3: Inspectors Recommendation to Defra

Having inspected (name of circus)

operated by (name of operator).

Carol Macmanus

on: 15th September 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.

I found no issues of concern.
I was accompanied by an APHA AHO who was also satisfied with the welfare of the licensed animals on the circus site.

{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:

16th September 2017

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:

02/10/17

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

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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Date: 2 October 2017

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 15 September 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 and found no issues of concern.

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"). The Panel noted that:

- The tooth problem with the reindeer 'Naughty' is still ongoing. The Panel agreed with the inspector that this should be continued to be monitored carefully and that you should continue to discuss with your lead vet proactive actions that can be taken to prevent unnecessary suffering and distress to the reindeer.
- The behavioural issues of the camel 'Kashmere' are now rare but are still being monitored. The Panel agrees that this monitoring should continue.

- The chronic skin conditions in the camels and reindeers appear to have been resolved, but again this should be continued to be monitored closely.

Overall the Panel were satisfied that at the time of the visit the conditions of the Regulations appeared to be being complied with and have recommended that your current licence is allowed to continue.

New Lead Vet

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 you were having to change your lead vet (as your current lead vet is no longer able to provide this service). The Panel agrees with the inspector's advice that it would be preferable for any new vet to take over this role when your animals are back at winter quarters. Once you have appointed a new lead vet you should also send a copy of that vet's new CPD to Defra/AHPA.

You are also reminded that the new lead vet will need to review and approve all your licensed animals' Care Plans. Unless there any significant changes to the Care Plans, these new documents do not need to be sent to Defra. However, the Care Plans signed by your new lead vet should be available by the time of your next planned inspection so they can be seen by our inspector. You may also want to consider having your new lead vet attend the next planned inspection to help them better understand the requirements of the licensing regime.

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 2018. 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.

M. Casale

(Issued on behalf of the Secretary of State)