



Inspection Report

Section 1:

Name of applicant or current licence holder:

Name of circus:

Location of circus

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 visit was the unannounced touring inspection. The main licensee Carol McManus was not present during the inspection of the animal holding facilities, vehicles and paperwork but was present for the performance and post- performance discussions. Adequate and appropriate supervision was in place by two senior (category A) staff members.

The circus was fully co-operative during our inspection providing all necessary access and assistance.

The circus stock has not changed since the previous inspection and still consists of 2 camels, 2 zebra and 2 reindeer.

All necessary pre-inspection information was complete and adequate.

The circus was located on a large hillside field adjacent to, but set back from the main A58 Wigan Road. The site provided plenty of grazing for the stock and mains water.

*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).

		RAG Rating
<p>(1) Staff</p> <p>Is unsupervised access to licensed animals restricted to authorised persons?</p>	<p>Access to animals is as described on the staff list. The staff employed by the circus have toured with them for several years, except one new person who is a category C staff member and supervised at all times.</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>(2) Healthcare</p> <p>Do all licensed animals appear to be in good health?</p>	<p>All animals appeared to be in good health on visual inspection. The female camel has had no recurrence of allergic skin disease she has had previously. One of the geriatric zebra has had repeat radiographs and a further steroid injection in his hock joint for arthritis which has been very effective with this animal not appearing lame or stiff at all despite the ongoing degenerative arthritis diagnosed. This is to be expected in a 28 year old animal. The reindeer are in very good condition, in full undamaged velvet.</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>Indoor Enclosures:</p> <p>The indoor enclosures all meet the size requirements as set out in the guidance. They are fit for purpose and hazard free. A combination of sawdust and straw is used as bedding all of which was clean and hygienic. Drainage was good.</p> <p>Outdoor Enclosures:</p> <p>During the inspection the camels were tethered to allowing grazing. The female camel has a neck strap and the male camel a headcollar. Appropriate swivels were in use with suitable chains. The zebra were allowed supervised grazing in the circus site. The reindeer were contained in a large pen built of hurdles to allow grazing.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>(4) Diet</p> <p>Is food stored properly?</p> <p>Is food prepared properly?</p>	<p>The food is all stored in a specific food room in one of the main circus lorries. The different foods are stored in sealed waterproof and vermin proof barrels. As these animals are all hoofstock they are fed commercial food which is appropriate. All forage was of high quality and presented appropriately. Fresh water was available at all times.</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 inspectors stayed for the entire performance and visited the 'zoo' afterwards. The camels are used for rides before the circus and in the interval. The zebra and reindeer only participate in a parade once around the ring and do not perform otherwise. They have appropriate correctly fitting tack and are lead by Category B handlers under the direct supervision of two category A handlers. The circus was compliant with all aspects of the license conditions.</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>The zebra and reindeer are all castrated males and therefore no breeding is possible. The camels have lived together for 5 years and have never bred and show no breeding behavior. The cause of the infertility has not been investigated but is not a welfare concern.</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>The animal lorries were inspected and are purpose built with non-slip floors, suitable partitioning and safe ramps. The animals are all halter trained and are individually led up the ramps.</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 tour itinerary for the full season was presented to inspector showing the distances and expected duration of the journeys.</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>The reindeer have now been microchipped. These microchips were inserted by a vet whom has signed the individual animal records and confirmed the identity of the animals at chipping. All six animals' microchips were read at this inspection and the identity of the animal 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 six animals on the license were present.</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 in place and in use.</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 are complete and in use. These include enrichment and behavior plans with implementation evident on inspection of the site. The breeding plans and retirement plans are included and appropriate.</p> <p>Full diet sheets are provided.</p> <p>The prevenative medicine programmes are in place and there are veterinary records confirming that it has been implemented.</p>	<p>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>The daily records were in place and established as routine. These are kept on clipboards in the animal marquees and so can be added to throughout the day.</p>	<p>G</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>This is in place and was being complied with during the inspection and performance.</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>Met.</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>The journey plans and journey records were complete. There is a journey contingency plan document. Each vehicle is driven by a Category A member of staff accompanied by at least 2 Category B people. In addition the circus travels in convoy.</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>Two veterinary visits have been made to the circus during the touring season so far. One visit was to inject the zebras hock joint and the second to microchip the reindeer . Routine wormers were also prescribed. One vet has written a letter detailing their visit and the circus has been asked to obtain a letter from the other vet to include in the records although the circus has completed the animals individual records correctly.</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**

Section 3: Inspectors Recommendation to Defra

Having inspected (name of circus)

Mondao Circus

operated by (name of operator).

Carol Macmanus

on: 6th August 2013

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.

The circus is complying with all aspects of the circus licensing regime and no welfare concerns regarding the six licensed animals were identified. The records and supporting documents are being completed correctly and provide good evidence of the care and effort the circus is taking to meet the set conditions. I recommend that the circus continues to be licensed.

{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:

6th August 2013

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:

S. G. Ellis.

Dated:

13/08/13

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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13 August 2013

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 6 August 2013 under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations).

In summary, the Inspector found that your circus was complying with all aspects of the circus licensing regime and no welfare concerns regarding the six licensed animals were identified. The records and supporting documents are being completed correctly and provided good evidence of the care and effort your circus is taking to meet the set conditions.

The Inspector's findings have been considered by a panel of officials on behalf of the Secretary of State, 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.

However, the Panel did note comments by the Inspector that he was presented with a tour itinerary till the end of September. You are reminded that a copy of your tour itinerary should be provided to AHVLA SSC. I would be grateful if you could ensure that an up-to-date copy of your itinerary is submitted to AHVLA SSC as soon as possible.

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 the 6th August 2013 represented one of these inspections. There will be at least one further announced inspection during the year.

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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.

S. C. Ellis

(Issued on behalf of the Secretary of State)