

Inspection Report

Section 1:

Name of applicant or current licence holder:	<input type="text" value="Peter Jolly"/>		
Name of circus:	<input type="text" value="Jolly's Circus"/>		
Location of circus	<input type="text" value="Leyburn"/> <input type="text" value="Wensleydale"/> <input type="text" value="Yorkshire"/>		
		Postcode:	<input type="text"/>
Tel no.	<input type="text"/>	Fax no.	<input type="text"/>

Name of Inspector	Name of Accompanying Officer	Name(s) of Circus Representative
<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>	Peter Jolly
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>

Date and start time of inspection:	<input type="text" value="8<sup>th</sup> August 2013 12.45pm"/>	Date and finish time of inspection:	<input type="text" value="8<sup>th</sup> August 2013 5.45pm"/>
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Preamble to Inspector's Report*

This inspection was a 'special' inspection due to the proposed addition of 2 Lions and 4 Tigers to the circus license. The big cats are owned by Tommy, Marilyn and Thomas Chipperfield whom have joined the circus as a contracted act.

The Big Cats had arrived a 3am on the 7th August 2013 and had not been on public display or performed since arrival.

No other animals, accommodation or vehicles other than those related to the big cats were inspected on this visit. No zebras are currently owned by the circus.

All circus staff were welcoming, helpful and co-operative.

*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).

(1) Staff Is unsupervised access to licensed animals restricted to authorised persons?	The authorised staff list has been ammended to include those staff whom can work with the big cats. This was discussed in detail and I was briefed on the daily routine and how adequate back up personnel are in attendance at all times working with the animals. I was reassured that nobody is ever allowed to work with the animals or enter the same space as then alone and that there is no lone working at all. This is in advance of measures in place in some zoos.	Green
(2) Healthcare Do all licensed animals appear to be in good health?	The animals all appeared in excellent condition all were of a suitable weight and not obese. I saw all animals move and there was no lameness. Coat conditon was good and no animal had signs of illness.	Green
(3) Environment Are areas used by licensed animals operated in a way that provides good welfare? Are areas a suitable size? Are areas in good condition and free from hazards? Are areas sufficiently secure? Are areas suited to the social, behavioural and environmental needs of the animals? Do animals have sufficient access to exercise and enrichment? Are areas hygienic and clean? Do areas have a suitable floor? Are environmental factors managed, including shelter from the elements? Is due regard had for species specific guidance?	The animals are kept in a 45 foot wagon which is divided into multiple compartments there is sufficient space in the wagon and the size per animal exceeds the guidance minimum. There is the ability to separate each animal individually but these animals have lived in pairs for their entire lives. The 2 lions are brother from the same litter as are the male tigers, the older tigresses are 17 years old and have lived together for most of their lives. There was absolutely no animosity between the animals and indeed I would consider it to have a negative impact on their welfare if they were separated. The wagon is very light and airy with good ventilation and considerable head height in contrast to other big cat wagons I have inspected which have been very dark and stagnant. Water bowls are built into the wire fronts and water was available ad lib and can be readily changed without having to move the animals or enter their cages. Due to the warm weather the animals were housed on sawdust during the inspection but straw is used in colder weather. The floors were clean and dry. There is a single outdoor enclosure which is 13m x 10m providing 130 square metres this is utilised by 2 cats at a time and therefore exceeds the guidance requirement of 50 square meters per pair of cats. The height is in excess of 2.2m and has a complete heavy trawler netting roof. The overhang is smaller than the 1m stated in the guidance but as the height is much taller and there is a complete secure roof I consider this enclosure to be more secure than the enclosures observed during the 'fact finding' visits to other circuses which the guidance are based on. The cats have access to this area for at least 4 hours a day per pair and with the addition of 2 hours exercise allowed in training and performance the exercise requirement is met. In fact the animals are never shut in a single space and have the choice to sit in the wagon or utilise the outdoor enclosure. A wide variety of enrichment had been provided and we observed the big cats using these items including large	Green

	<p>plastic balls and tyres. The outdoor enclosure has metal trough which is large enough for the animals to lie in and the tigers were playing in this during the inspection. There was also a number of platforms and pedestals - these are not 1.5m high but because the enclosure is used by lions whom do not climb as well as tigers I consider this acceptable. Half logs have been fixed to the back of the wagon as scratching posts which the animals had been using.</p>	
<p>(4) Diet</p> <p>Is food stored properly?</p> <p>Is food prepared properly?</p>	<p>The circus has a specific feed room for the cats feed, a separate single use freezer for the meat and specific equipment. All this equipment and the room was extremely clean and hygienic. The waste material is disposed off using the Jolly's by-products disposal method which has been inspected previously.</p>	Green
<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>As the animals are not yet licensed a public performance was not viewed but a full routine as would be performed was viewed. This was actually the first time the animals had entered the ring and the big top at the Jolly' circus so the environment was completely new to them. The 2 tigresses and the 2 lions are currently in the act. The two young tigers are not yet performing and have only just started training. A training session of these animals was observed.</p> <p>The 4 animals in the ring, despite the new environment were very relaxed and alert rather than stressed. One tigress merely enters the ring and sits on her pedestal - she performs no other activities. This is because she is 'not interested in performing' so she is not forced to do anything. The other tigress is asked to jump across from one pedestal to another. On this occasion she was hesitating to do this so Thomas shorted the distance and at no point did he pressure the animal to do it. Once the distance was shorted the tigress jumped it straight away. She is asked to jump through an illuminated hoop and jump a low gate structure. One lion also jumps between pedestals and sits on a rotating pedestal. The other lion is in training and is not asked to perform at this stage. There are no activities in the show that pose any physical risk to the animals with all tasks being well within their ability and fitness.</p> <p>I was very impressed with Thomas's approach to working his animals, he remains very calm and quiet at all times, he uses guide sticks, as is standard practice but never hits the animal or touches their eyes. The animals did not flinch or cower from him at all - (I have seen this in other big cat circus performances.) If the animal is reluctant to perform the activity he immediately backs off and either changes the set up or situation or does an alternative activity which the animal will perform.</p> <p>All equipment used is well constructed and solid and very heavy, it is very unlikely to tip over or slip. There is no 'pyramids' or other balanced pedestals or narrow planks. I observed a training session for the young tigers. At this stage they are only being asked to stay on a single spot and then move and sit on a pedestal. One tiger was achieving this, the other was putting his feet on the pedestal but not climbing on - he was encouraged and praised but not shouted at or hit. Again the session was very calm and relaxed. The tigers quickly grew bored and just wanted to play with each other, Thomas and Tommy</p>	Green

	ensured that they completed one easy task and then finished the session which had lasted about 10 minutes.	
(6) Breeding Are the health and welfare needs of animals during all stages of the breeding process met? Is guidance on fitness followed? Is suitable veterinary care provided?	Breeding records/plan have been produced and meet the requirements of the license. The two male tigers are contracepted, one tigress is spayed and the other is fitted with a contraceptive implant. The lions are entire.	Green
(7) Transport Check for evidence of unfit animals being transported. Can you confirm this is not the case? Are transport containers and any fitting (etc) suitable?	The wagon is doubled skinned and has large shutters to fully enclose it for transport. All animals appeared to be fit for transport.	Green

Records	Comments/clarification	Level of Compliance (N/A)
(1) Tour itinerary Confirm that the inspectorate was informed of the correct current and future location of the licensed travelling circus.	This is in place	Green
(2) List of licensed animals Confirm that every animal present which is covered by the licence is uniquely identified	The six animals proposed met the descriptions provided. It was not possible to check the microchips of the cats because it was not safe to do so. We did attempt to use the reader on the animals but they were upset by the device and started growling at the handler, we tried getting the animals to come to the fence but we still could not get closer enough. The younger animals started to try and chew the reader. The reader will only read the chips at a very close distance, less than 20cm and it was not possible for either the inspectors or the animals owners to put a strange object that close to the animal. The owners have committed to purchasing a reader and training the animals to allow this procedure in the future. I have no reason to suspect that these individuals are not the listed animals - I inspected 2 young entire male lions, 2 castrated young tigers and two older tigresses.	Amber
(3) List of current location of licensed animals Confirm that the whereabouts of all animals covered by a licence	All six big cats were present. The other animals on this circus's license were not inspected and not all were seen on this visit.	Green

<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>The individual records for all six animals had been produced. Some information needed transferring onto these records and the circus committed to do so.</p>	<p>Amber</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 have been produced and were comprehensive and all components were present. A few minor points of clarification were discussed.</p> <p>The emergencies procedures document is comprehensive but I have requested a more detailed scenario based procedures document specifically for a big cat escape to be produced and provided to the inspectorate.</p>	<p>Amber</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 had been completed for the 2 days the big cats had been in the circus.</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>This is discussed above and the condition is met</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>The list of authorised persons, the duty manager and contact numbers were on display in the office vehicle.</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>This condition is met. The journey plans were correct and complete so far.</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>The cats have only been in the country for 2 days so the lead vet has had little opportunity to be involved in anyway. A letter from the vet whom signed the fitness for transport from Ireland was seen.</p> <p>The veterinary condition of the whole circuses license have been met to date.</p> <p>The animals have been wormed and vaccinated regularly in Ireland.</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)

Chipperfields Big Cat Act

operated by (name of operator).

Jolly's Circus

on: 8th 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.

In my opinion the facilities and management of the lions and tigers meet and in places exceed the requirements of the Circus License conditions. I recommend that the license is ammended to include these animals on the condition that a revised Animal Escape Procedure is received by the inspectorate.

{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:

8th 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 if different from recommendation

Further information from Jolly's circus was requested following the submission to the Circus Licensing Panel of the Inspector's report. The further information submitted was judged satisfactory and the Panel therefore felt able to agree with the Inspector's recommendation that the licence is allowed to continue.

Signed:

S. A. Ellis.

Dated:

27th August 2013

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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16 August 2013

Dear Mr Jolly

Routine inspection under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012

As you know, an inspection of your travelling circus took place on 8th August 2013 under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations).

The Inspector's findings have been considered by a panel of officials on behalf of the Secretary of State. Based on the findings, and the new papers you submitted on 10th and 11th August, the Panel have recommended that there are some aspects of the paperwork and your procedures that require further work, with input from your Lead Vet as required.

Further work required

1. The Inspector noted that, contrary to your current stock list, no zebra are present at your circus. I believe AHVLA SSC has already contacted you about this. You are reminded that your stock list should be kept up to date at all times, and a copy of any changes provided to AHVLA SSC.
2. The Panel noted the inclusion of [REDACTED] on the revised staff list submitted on 10th August. We would be grateful if you could clarify the role [REDACTED] will be undertaking in terms of the animals on your stock list.
3. The Inspector noted that the two male tigers are contracepted.. The breeding plans you submitted for the two male tigers indicate that the male tiger ('Altai') is castrated and the other male tiger ('Syas') is entire. Could you confirm the breeding status of the two male tigers, submitting updated breeding plans if necessary.

4. The Panel noted that the Inspector was unable to check the microchips of the big cats due to the animal's unfamiliarity with micro-chip readers. We understand that you will be familiarising the big cats with a micro-chip reader. Given this, we would expect that the microchips will be able to be read at the next inspection. In the meantime, you must ensure that each wild animal is able to be identified individually. If it is likely that the microchips will still not be able to be read by the time of the next announced inspection, you should discuss alternate approaches with us.

5. The Panel noted that you had submitted, as requested by the Inspector, revised documents including a revised escape procedures document. These documents are now satisfactory with the exception that your procedures should be amended so that you provide the relevant local police force with reasonable notice (ideally 14 days) of your plans to bring six big cats into their area. On the preceding day or on the day of transportation itself, consideration should be given to alerting relevant local forces (i.e. the local force of the area you are leaving and, if different, the local force of the area you are going to) that the big cats are being transported. Providing both types of prior notice to relevant local forces should help ensure good response times in the event of an escape.

Where further information has been requested, or further changes to your procedures required, we would expect you to provide this to AHLVA SSC by **23 August**. Once this additional information has been provided the Panel of officials considering the inspection on behalf of the Secretary of State will assess your licence again. We will then write to let you know the Panel's decision.

S G Ellis

(Issued on behalf of the Secretary of State)

[REDACTED]

From: peter jolly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 22 August 2013 22:28
To: Circus Animals
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Announced Inspection of 8th August
Attachments: LIST OF AUTHORISED PERSONS UPDATE august.doc; BREEDING TEMPLATE - TIGER.docx

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached our List of Authorised Persons which includes the information requested about [REDACTED]

Also attached is the breeding plan for the Tigers.

We always inform the local police forces in the area we will be touring so they are aware of our arrival for any potential animal rights activist demonstrations.

best wishes

Peter

Subject: Announced Inspection of 8th August
Date: Fri, 16 Aug 2013 14:05:33 +0100
From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
CC: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Jolly

Please see the attached letter regarding the inspection of your circus on 8th August.

<<2013-08-16 - Announced inspection further work required letter.pdf>>

Kind regards

Circus Animal Legislation Team on behalf of

Animal Health and Veterinary laboratories Agency (AHVLA)

Specialist Service Centre - Bristol






Zone 1/17














PETER JOLLY'S CIRCUS




LIST OF AUTHORISED PERSONS

NAME	ANIMALS	BAND	DESCRIPTION OF ROLE	RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS	RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
PETER JOLLY SNR	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA LION TIGER	A+	PERFORM AND TRAIN ANIMALS AND SUPERVISE BAND B AND C PERSONS	N/A	60+ YEARS
[REDACTED]	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	A	PERFORM AND TRAIN ANIMALS AND SUPERVISE BAND B AND C PERSONS	N/A	60+ YEARS
[REDACTED]	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES LION TIGER ZEBRA	A+	PERFORM AND TRAIN ANIMALS AND SUPERVISE BAND B AND C PERSONS	N/A	30+ YEARS

	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	A	PERFORM AND TRAIN ANIMALS AND SUPERVISE BAND B ANC C PERSONS	N/A	30+ YEARS
	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	A	PERFORM AND TRAIN ANIMALS AND SUPERVISE BAND B ANC C PERSONS	N/A	30+ YEARS
	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	A	PERFORM AND TRAIN ANIMALS AND SUPERVISE BAND B ANC C PERSONS	N/A	30+ YEARS
	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA LION TIGER	A+	PERFORM AND TRAIN ANIMALS AND SUPERVISE BAND B ANC C PERSONS	N/A	40+ YEARS
	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	A	PERFORM AND TRAIN ANIMALS AND SUPERVISE BAND B ANC C PERSONS	N/A	40+ YEARS

	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	B	PRESENT, CARE AND HANDLE ANIMALS WITHOUT SUPERVISION AND SUPERVISE BAND C PERSONS	N/A	30+ YEARS
	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	B	PRESENT, CARE AND HANDLE ANIMALS WITHOUT SUPERVISION AND SUPERVISE BAND C PERSONS	N/A	5+ YEARS
	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	B	PRESENT, CARE AND HANDLE ANIMALS WITHOUT SUPERVISION AND SUPERVISE BAND C PERSONS	N/A	5+ YEARS
	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	B	PRESENT, CARE AND HANDLE ANIMALS WITHOUT SUPERVISION AND SUPERVISE BAND C PERSONS	N/A	2+ YEARS
	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	B	PRESENT, CARE AND HANDLE ANIMALS WITHOUT SUPERVISION AND SUPERVISE BAND C PERSONS	N/A	2+ YEARS

	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	C	CARE AND HANDLE ANIMALS WITH SUPERVISION FROM BAND A OR B PERSONS	N/A	2+ YEARS
	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	B	PRESENT, CARE AND HANDLE ANIMALS WITHOUT SUPERVISION AND SUPERVISE BAND C PERSONS	N/A	2+ YEARS
	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	C	CARE AND HANDLE ANIMALS WITH SUPERVISION FROM BAND A OR B PERSONS	N/A	PRESENT
	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	C	CARE AND HANDLE ANIMALS WITH SUPERVISION FROM BAND A OR B PERSONS	N/A	PRESENT
 	LIONS TIGERS CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	A+	PERFORM AND TRAIN ANIMALS AND SUPERVISE BAND B AND C PERSONS	N/A	50+ YEARS

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	CAMEL ANKOLI REINDEER FOX RACCOON SNAKES ZEBRA	B	PRESENT, CARE AND HANDLE ANIMALS WITHOUT SUPERVISION AND SUPERVISE BAND C PERSONS	N/A	40+ YEARS

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REVIEWED AND UPDATED ON 10/8/2013



PETER JOLLY'S CIRCUS

BREEDING

SPECIES	NAME	ID NUMBER	GENDER	BREEDING
TIGER	NADIA	124958090A	FEMALE	IMPLANTED
TIGER	NEEKA	116633524A	FEMALE	SPAYED
TIGER	SYAS	938000000407281	MALE	ENTIRE
TIGER	ALTAI	9380000000503488	MALE	CASTRATED

There is no breeding among this group, and no intention to breed within this group.

THIS SECTION WAS PREPARED ON 1/7/2013 UPDATED 19/8/2013	LEAD VET	[REDACTED]
	ADDRESS	[REDACTED]
	TELEPHONE	[REDACTED]
	SIGNATURE	[REDACTED]



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27 August 2013

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As you know, an inspection of your travelling circus took place on 8th August 2013 under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations). I subsequently wrote to you on 16th August requesting further information, which you submitted on 22nd August.

In summary, the Inspector found the facilities and management of the lions and tigers met the requirements of the Circus Licensing conditions and that, subject to the submission of a revised Animal Escape Procedure, your current licence should be allowed to continue.

The Inspector's findings were considered by a panel of officials on behalf of the Secretary of State, who have also now considered the further information requested. The Panel are now satisfied that, in respect of the lions and tigers, the conditions of the Regulations appear to be being complied with and therefore the Panel have recommended that your current licence is allowed to continue.

The Panel did note that, on notifying local police forces of the arrival of your circus, you did not clarify whether you specifically mention to the relevant local police force the presence of the big cats. As I mentioned in my letter of 16 August, alerting relevant local forces of the presence of the big cats should help ensure good response times in the event of an escape, and I would expect their presence to be made clear when a local force is notified.

Further Inspections

We made clear to you when issuing your licence that there would be at least two additional inspections during the year. As you know, the unannounced inspection on the 27th June 2013 represented one of these inspections. The inspection on the 8th August 2013 was an additional inspection due to the arrival of a new species of wild animal. Therefore, there

will still be at least one further announced inspection during the year. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. A. H. S." with a stylized flourish at the end.

(Issued on behalf of the Secretary of State)