

Inspection Report

Section 1:

Name of applicant or current licence holder:	<div>Carol McManus</div>		
Name of circus:	<div>Circus Mondao</div>		
Location of circus	<div>Kirton Lincolnshire</div>		
	<div>Postcode: PE20 1QJ</div>		
Tel no.	<div></div>	Fax no.	<div></div>

Name of Inspector	Name of Accompanying Officer	Name(s) of Circus Representative
<div></div>	<div></div>	Carol McManus
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Date and start time of inspection:	<div>27th February 2014 2pm</div>	Date and finish time of inspection:	<div>27th February 2014 7.30pm</div>
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Preamble to Inspector's Report*

This inspection is a license renewal inspection.

The circus's current license expires on the 12th March 2014 so the circus was legally touring and performing at the time of inspection.

The circus did not perform during December and January and the exotic animals were housed at two private residencies licensed under the DWA and under the care of category A animal carers therefore the animals had a period of 8 weeks rest with no travelling and grazing.

The animals to be inspected were 2 reindeer, 2 Bactrian camels and a single zebra.

The site was a tarmac car park on the side of a road. There was no grazing but as the weather has been so poor and the ground so wet the likelihood of the animals being able to graze on a grass site would be highly questionable.

The animal tents had been set up so that each animal group had a large indoor covered area and an external area connected to it for access outside.

The 'back' area with the animal accommodation was completely secure due to the positioning of vehicles and fencing so that the animals were not on view to the public and no access from the general public would be possible.

*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/A/G)
(1) Staff Is unsupervised access to licensed animals restricted to authorised persons?	Animal carers list in place and either Carol or [REDACTED] are on site 24/7. Security of the site was good.	Green
(2) Healthcare Do all licensed animals appear to be in good health?	The female camel has a small wound on her hock which she keeps knocking and therefore is slow to heel. This is currently covered with a suitable dressing to protect it. One reindeer has lost some coat - it is difficult to tell if this is due to moulting or a parasite. The vet was due to visit the next day for a routine visit and his report will be sent directly to the panel. Neither of these conditions adversely affect the welfare of the animal to impact on their use in the circus.	Amber
(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?	Due to the recent adverse weather in the UK it is highly unlikely that grazing would be possible on any site. The circus's routine animal tents are in use and each pen has an outdoor uncovered area as well. The space allocation exceeds the minimum guidelines. Substantial amounts of good quality straw bedding and sawdust is provided. The animal accommodation is clean and well maintained.	Green
(4) Diet Is food stored properly? Is food prepared properly?	Hard food is stored in sealed drums to protect from rodents and is of suitable type and quality. Good quality dust free hay was available ad lib.	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>All animals are fit and healthy to perform.</p> <p>Only one reindeer is in the show and he is walked for 1 lap of the ring in a suitable headcollar and handled by a trained handler.</p> <p>The zebra wears fitted harness and is also only walked one lap of the ring.</p> <p>The female camel was used for childrens rides at the beginning of the performance and in the interval with suitable headcollars.</p> <p>Both camels wear a bridle, noseband and reins and roller and take part in an act where hey are ridden by two category A handlers who do 4 balancing tricks on the camels backs where the camels simply walk around the ring. The male camel then is asked to sit down and acrobats tumble over him but they do not touch him in any way. In my opinion the camels welfare is not compromised by this act which is new for the 2014 season.</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>There is a single zebra, the two reindeer are castrated males and the camels have been housed together for many years and have not bred.</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>There has been no change in the transport arrangements for the animals and they continue to travel in purpose built vehicles.</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>A tour itinerary was seen and checked.</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 animal's microchips were checked and read successfully and matched the licensed animals.</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 animals on the license are on the circus 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 seen and checked</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>All care plans are appropriate.</p> <p>We discussed the welfare of the remaining zebra since the loss of his companion. The zebra has a pony which he is housed next too and is his companion. He has not shown any adverse affects and is in good body condition and shows no sign of distress. His care plan and retirement plan have been ammended to reflect the loss of the other zebra. The circus has no plans to gain another companion at this time as it is not clear if exotic animals will be banned from English Circuses and as the remaining zebra is 28 years old obtaining companions could be more disruptive and stressful than his current situation.</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>Good daily records are kept and information recorded according to the guidance.</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>List is maintained and current</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>Contact information and details posted on office wall</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>Journey plans were seen - no journey will be more than 2 hours on the road.</p> <p>Good time records kept showing loading, travel and unloading times.</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 circus has provided a very high standard of veterinary care in the last year especially regarding the treatment of the zebra with colic which was finally euthanised.</p> <p>The reindeer have received injections to encourage antler shedding and this has been recorded as well.</p> <p>The lead vet has attended as required and was due on the 28th February for another visit.</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 animals in this circus are cared for to a very high standard and the operators are ensuring they comply with the licensing requirements.

I would like to see the report from the veterinary visit on 28th February.

Section 3: Inspectors Recommendation to Defra

Having inspected (name of circus)

Circus Mondao

operated by (name of operator).

Carol McManus

on: 27th February 2014

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 have found no issues at inspection which would , in my opinion, prevent the renewal of the circuses license.

{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:

3rd March 2014

Section 4: Decision

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

- ~~It is recommended that the 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. A. Ellis

Dated:

11/03/2014

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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[REDACTED] VETERINARY PRACTICE LTD.

(Company No: [REDACTED])

3rd March 2014

To Whom it may concern,

I, the undersigned, confirm that I visited and inspected the 2 camels, 2 reindeer and a zebra at Circus Mondao on Friday 28th February 2014.

The female camel has a history of a recurring wound to the caudal aspect of the left hock which bleeds at intervals. However, on the day of inspection there was no evidence of any current injury, – just some mild skin thickening / scarring which was non painful on palpation. When the wound bleeds it responds rapidly to temporary bandaging. The animal is not lame. I have advised that the best course of action at present would be to continue with this approach. I think attempts at a definitive solution, would likely make matters worse at present. At my last visit in November, this animal was considered to be underweight – she had recovered this somewhat and was in better physical condition this time.

Both reindeer were demonstrating significant pruritis and had evidence of self - inflicted coat loss. I have applied an ivermectin pour on product and given instruction for this to be repeated in 2 weeks time. Both reindeer received injections of dexamethasone to relieve the pruritis.

[REDACTED]

September 23, 2014

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The Zebra appeared in good health, as did all the other equids which were inspected during my visit.

Accommodation for the animals was clean, dry and comfortable. Other than the reindeer, no animals were exhibiting any signs of distress during this visit.

Yours Faithfully,

 BVSc GPCert(SAM) MRCVS



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

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Date: 11 March 2014

Dear Ms Macmanus

Application for a licence under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012

As you know, following your application for a renewed licence under the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012, an inspection took place on 27 February 2014.

Decision of the Circus Licensing Panel

In summary, the Inspector found that your circus was complying with the circus licensing regime and found no issues which would, in his opinion, prevent the renewal of your licence.

The inspectors' findings have been considered by a panel of officials on behalf of the Secretary of State, who have recommended that a licence be issued to you for the period of twelve months from 13 March 2014. A copy of the licence is enclosed with this letter.

A copy of the inspection report also is attached for your information. This is a change to our previous practice of just providing a summary of the report. Where an inspection report's use in deciding the status of a licence has been concluded, it is our policy to usually release inspection reports in response to any Freedom of Information request. Therefore, we will be including copies of inspection reports with all future correspondence of this type.

Further inspections

During the twelve month period of your licence there will be at least two further inspections. An inspector will be in touch with you during the year to arrange at least one of these inspections. There will also be at least one inspection that will be arranged without your prior knowledge. During these unannounced inspections you will be expected to co-

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operate fully with the inspector as you would for any announced inspection. The inspector will provide identification on request and you will be able to contact us on the above number (during office hours) to confirm the identity of the inspector should you wish. A refusal to allow an inspector to inspect premises during one of these unannounced inspections would be treated as a failed inspection which could result in your licence being suspended or revoked.

As has been indicated previously, you will also be charged for the costs of these further inspection visits, once they have taken place.

Finally, you should ensure that you apply for your licence to be renewed in good time before your licence expires in March 2015. As previously advised, the process of Defra considering a licence application is likely to take up to 6 weeks.

Should you have any queries about the terms of your licence, or any other aspect of these animal welfare Regulations, please contact us at the address or number above.

S. G. Ellis.

(Issued on behalf of the Secretary of State)



Department
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**WELFARE OF WILD ANIMALS IN TRAVELLING CIRCUSES (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2012**

LICENCE TO OPERATE A TRAVELLING CIRCUS USING WILD ANIMALS

The Secretary of State being the appropriate national authority responsible for licensing the use of wild animals in travelling circuses hereby licenses

Name of licence applicant: CAROL MACMANUS

Office held: PROPRIETOR

To operate the travelling circus using wild animals known as: CIRCUS MONDAO

This licence is issued in accordance with the Welfare of Wild Animals in Travelling Circuses (England) Regulations 2012 for a period of one year and shall remain in force from 13 March 2014 until 12 March 2015, subject to the power of the Secretary of State under the Regulations to suspend, reinstate or revoke the licence.

Issue date: 11 March 2014

Signed:

S. G. Ellis

Name in capitals: SUE ELLIS

Office held: CHAIR, CIRCUS LICENSING PANEL, DEFRA

On behalf of Secretary of State, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs