



*Canadian Federation of Humane Societies*  
*La fédération des sociétés canadiennes*  
*d'assistance aux animaux*

## **Survey of Performing Animal Acts**

### **Explanatory Notes**

The following survey is divided into two parts:

- Part A is comprised of general questions that are *not* specific to a particular performing animal act.
- Part B is to be completed for specific performing animal acts.
- If you have information on more than one performing animal act, please complete Part B for *each* one.

### **Background Information**

Date completed:

Name of your organization:

Name of respondent:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

### **Part A**

A.1 Have performing animal acts come to your area or a neighboring area in the past three years?

YES       NO

If YES, please indicate what was the most recent year.

A.2 Does your organization inspect performing animal acts?

YES       NO

If YES, please complete Part B of this questionnaire for each performing animal act inspected.

If NO, please explain the reason for NOT inspecting performing animal acts.

Are inspections of performing animal acts done routinely or only on a complaint basis?

Routinely     On complaint basis only

Please describe your inspection process:

A.3 Do your inspectors have training with respect to the behaviour and needs of exotic animals?

YES       NO

If YES, what does that training consist of?

A.4 Does your organization make use of veterinarians and other animal experts in inspecting performing animal acts?

YES       NO

If YES, please provide us with names and contact information where available:

Name of expert:

Area of expertise:

Organization:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

A.5 Can you provide any documentation on performing animal acts such as inspection reports, opinion letters from experts, media clippings, photographs, videos, complaint letters, etc.?

YES       NO

If YES, please enclose.

If YES, may we use the information publicly as part of our campaign to help performing animals?

YES       NO

A.6 Does your municipality, province/state or region have any legislation or regulations that deal specifically with performing animals, circuses or novelty acts?

YES       NO

If YES, please specify and include a copy of the legislation.

A.7 Have any orders been issued, charges laid or other legal action taken against a performing animal act in your area or a neighbouring area (e.g., Orders under an *SPCA Act* or cruelty charges under the *Criminal Code*)?

YES       NO

If YES, please specify:

A.8 Do any individuals or organizations organize campaigns in your area against performing animal acts?

YES       NO

If YES, please specify, and provide contact information where available:

Name of organization:

Contact name:

Title:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

Other information:

A.9 Would your organization be interested in attending a workshop on inspecting circuses or novelty acts?

YES       NO

## Part B

*If you have any information on a specific performing animal act, please complete the following questions for each one.*

B.1 Name of the performing animal act:

Contact name:

Title:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

Dates of performance:

Municipality/region where performance took place:

Other information:

B.2 Did your organization conduct an inspection of this performing animal act?

YES       NO

If YES, have you attached a copy of your inspection report or other documentation?

YES       NO

If YES, please indicate who conducted the inspection, and in what capacity?

If NO, please explain the reason for NOT inspecting this performing animal act?

B.3 What species of animals were exhibited?

Elephants

If so, were the elephants:  Asian  African

Were the elephants chained?  YES  NO

If so, please provide details:

Big cats (eg. lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards)

If so, what kind?

Bears

If so, what kind?

Primates

If so, what kind?

Exotic ungulates (e.g., zebras, rhinoceros)

If so, what kind?

Reptiles

If so, what kind?

Birds

If so, what kind?

B.4 Were the housing conditions of the animals observed?

YES  NO

If YES, please specify:

Were the animals observed being trained, or during rehearsal?

YES       NO

If YES, please specify:

Were the animals observed during loading or unloading?

YES       NO

If YES, please specify:

Have you requested to observe any of the above?

YES       NO

Please elaborate:

B.4 Did this performing animal act include:

Elephant rides       YES       NO

Petting zoo       YES       NO

Public Menagerie       YES       NO

B.5 If you are providing information about a circus, were any animals sub-contracted by the circus from local zoos, wildlife facilities or private owners?

YES       NO       DO NOT KNOW

If YES, what species of animal(s)?

If YES, please provide any known contact information as follows:

Name of sub-contractor:

Name of company or organization:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

Other information:

- B.6 Have there been any incidents causing injury or death to people or to performing animals, or involving the escape of an animal?

YES       NO

If YES, please specify, and attach media clippings or other reports where available:

Were adequate safety measures in place (e.g., safety barriers to separate people from animals or emergency equipment)?

YES       NO

If YES, please specify:

- B.7 Were any orders issued, charges laid or other legal action taken against this circus or animal act (e.g., Orders under provincial animal protection legislation or cruelty charges under the *Criminal Code*)?

YES       NO       DO NOT KNOW

If YES, please specify:

- B.8 Are you aware of corporate sponsorship of the performing animal act in question, e.g., large companies, local business, charities or media?  
 YES       NO

If YES, please specify and provide contact information:

Name of sponsor:

Contact name:

Title:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

Other information:

- B.9 What was the media or public response to the performing animal act, if any? (If available, please attach clippings or other correspondence or reports.)

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!*

Please return to:



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