



CIRCUS INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Inspector: Chief Insp. Jaco Pieterse & Jon Friedman Society: Cape of Good Hope

Date: 09/03/2023 Time: 09h30 Place: Stellenbosch

GENERAL

1. Name of person in charge David Dallas McLaren
2. Name of Circus McLaren Circus
3. Postal Address P O Box 263466, Meyerton, 1935
4. Physical Address as per licence 108 Christine Road, Homelands, Meyerton, 1962
5. E-mail david@mclarencircus.co.za / supadawe@yahoo.com
6. Telephone / Cell phone numbers 016 424 1805 / 084 406 8523 (David McLaren)
7. SPCA District Stellenbosch
8. Location of circus performance c/o Adam Tas Road (R310) & Merriman Avenue, Stellenbosch
9. Dates of performances 09/03/2023 until 12/03/2023
10. Times of performances 15h00 to 17h00 and 19h30 to 21h30
11. Name of circus veterinarian Dr Ryan Jeffrey
12. Telephone number 076 462 5248
13. Address Krugersdorp Veterinary Clinic - Tein Country Estate, 133 Malmani Road in Krugersdorp
14. Date of last inspection by a veterinarian 04/12/2022

Comment

1. The horses and ponies have not yet arrived. They are currently in quarantine. The horses will only arrive once the 40-day quarantine period is over – which is due next week.
2. Mr McLaren informed us that they are in the process of constructing bigger outdoor enclosures for the lions and tigers. These enclosures are set to arrive in the next 6 weeks.
3. An email has been sent to Dr Baloyi of GDARD requesting the annexures that should accompany the PAPA Licence, as Mr McLaren did not have these to present to us.
4. An email has been sent to CapeNature for confirm that Mr McLaren is in possession of a permit in terms of the Nature Conservation Ordinance for the wild animals that are used in the circus acts – a response is still pending.

PERFORMING ANIMALS PROTECTION ACT LICENCE

LICENCE

1. Licence No: PAL/02 Gauteng/202/232/12
2. To whom is the licence granted:
 - a) Person: David Dallas McLaren
 - b) Permanent address: 108 Christine Road, Homelands, Meyerton, 1962
 - c) Company: McLaren Circus
3. Date of issue 17/11/2022 Date of expiry: 16/11/2023
4. Name of person that authorised the licence: Dr F Baloy
The licence is valid for anywhere in South Africa, unless prohibited
5. District for which licence was issued: by local By-Laws
6. Amount paid for licence. Not listed

(This is to determine if the application is a new one or a renewal)

Animals used for training/exhibition

Species	Number	Exhibition	Training
French Poodles	6	Yes	Yes
Lions (<i>Panthera leo</i>)	4	Yes	Yes
Bengal Tigers (<i>Panthera tigris</i>)	3	No	Yes
Camels (<i>Camelus</i>)	2	Yes	Yes
Burmese Pythons (<i>Python bivittatus</i>)	3	Yes	Yes
Goats	2	Yes	Yes

ANIMALS INSPECTED

LIONS AND BENGAL TIGERS

Microchip details of animals			
Lions	Female - 945000001772915	Tigers	Female - 4C40415169
	Female - 945000001772914		Male - 2C22C143A
	Female - 945000001907234		Male - 4C44232314
	Male - 4C4A11295B		

The trailer used for the transportation of the Lions and Bengal Tigers is of adequate size and construction for the transportation of the big cats. Even though the SANS 1884-3:2008 does not apply to circus animals, the trailer being used offers more space than what is accepted in the industry standards when it comes to the transportation of wild carnivores by road.



Figure 1 - trailer used to transport the Lions and Bengal Tigers

Whilst stationary, the trailer offers good ventilation and adequate protection from the elements when the side flaps are open. The trailer has five (5) compartments, as depicted in figure 2 below. The tigers are kept in the first two (2) compartments from the front, and the lions are kept in the three (3) back compartments. Whilst in motion, there is a ventilation hole in the front of the trailer that allows for air to flow through the trailer (on last year's inspections by our Society, Dr Mendez confirmed that the ventilation hole is sufficient)

The trailer also serves as the sleeping quarters and shelter for when the temporary holding facilities are erected for when the circus is operational. The flooring is solid and constructed from wood and easily cleanable – they were busy using an electric water pressure machine to clean the flooring whilst we were busy with our inspection (the lions were outside whilst they were busy cleaning).

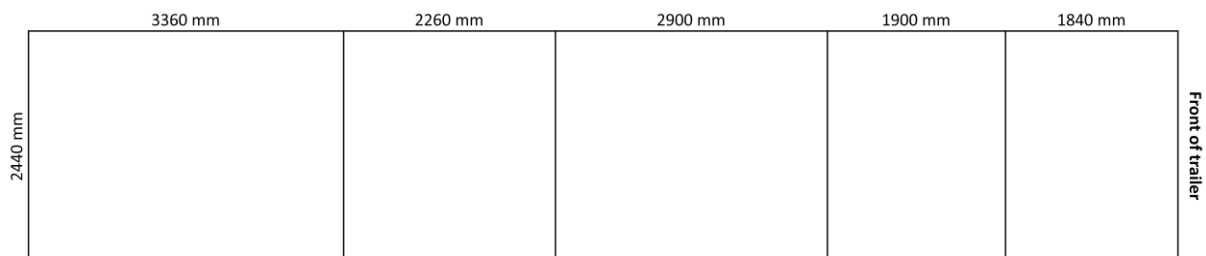


Figure 2 - depiction of trailer used to transport the Lions and Bengal Tigers

Note:- The lions and tigers have all their teeth and claws intact.

The outdoor area is constructed of metal barriers of sufficient height to prevent the lions and tigers from escaping. The outdoor area, in our opinion, is too small and should be enlarged. However, this cannot legally be enforced. Mr McLaren did however inform us that they are in the process of constructing bigger outdoor enclosures for the lions and tigers. These enclosures are set to arrive in the next 6 weeks.

Size of the outdoor areas: Lions is 14.2 meters by 11 meters and the tigers is 7.5 meters by 8 meters.



Figure 3 - outdoor area for the lions

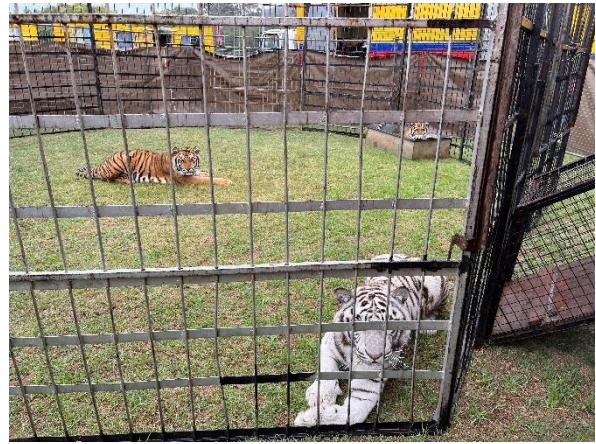


Figure 4 - outdoor area for the tigers

The outdoor area is connected to the trailer via a ramp in a tunnel. The tunnel material was adequate, and both ramps had gridding to prevent the lions and tigers from slipping when they enter and exit the trailer.



Figure 5 - ramp from the trailer into the outdoor area for the lions



Figure 6 - ramp from the trailer into the outdoor area for the tigers

The lions and tigers are in acceptable condition with no obvious signs of injury or ailments. The lions and tigers have big balls to play with as environmental enrichment. Currently, there are no wooden logs for them – Mr McLaren informed us that he is in the process of sourcing new wooden logs as the lions and tigers destroyed the previous ones. The lions also have a wooden platform they can jump onto and lie on and under.

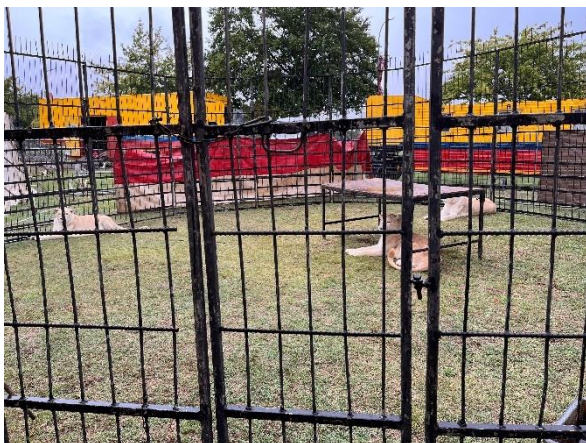


Figure 7 – wooden platform inside lion outdoor enclosure



Figure 8 - lion playing with ball

Feeding of the lions and tigers was not observed. According to Mr McLaren, the lions and tigers are fed once a day in the evenings. Mr McLaren claims they are fed whole chickens purchased from the supermarket. The lions and tigers had access to clean drinking water.

No contraventions in terms of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 were observed with the lions and tigers.

BURMESE PYTHON

Type	Name	Sex	Weight	Length
Albino Burmese Python	Sunny	Female	Approx 8.5 kg	Did not measure – it was raining
Albino Burmese Python	Franky	Male	Approx 7.2 kg	Did not measure – it was raining
Natural colour Burmese Python	Rocky	Male	Approx 22 kg	Did not measure – it was raining

There are two wooden boxes inside a room in one of the trailers where the Burmese Pythons are being housed in. The room is well-ventilated, and the door was standing open when we arrived for free-flowing air. The wooden boxes also have suitable ventilation holes, which affords sufficient. Appropriate substrate is provided inside the wooden tanks for the snakes. The heat bulbs were on and were covered with a frame to prevent the snakes from burning.

Water was provided in a plastic container that allowed for one snake to submerge in the water at a time. The snakes are fed chicken once a week. One of the Albino Burmese Pythons is in the process of shedding. The Burmese Pythons are in acceptable condition with no obvious signs of injury or ailments.

We were unable to measure the snakes as it was raining outside. On our next inspection, we will take the snakes out of the wooden boxes and measure them.



Figure 9 - Albino Burmese Python and Natural Colour Burmese Pythons housed together



Figure 10 – Water container for the two Pythons



Figure 11 - Albino Burmese Python inside wooden box



Figure 12 – Water container for the Python

No contraventions in terms of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 were observed with the Burmese Pythons.

CAMELS

Type	Name	Sex	Age
Camel	Magnum	Bull (castrated)	7 years
Camel	Magiver	Bull (castrated)	16 years

Two (2) camels were inspected. Both camels are in acceptable condition with no obvious signs of injury or ailments. The camels had access to adlib feed, water and protection against the elements. The shelter folds up from the side of the transportation.

Previously Mr McLaren made use of a white sheet that was attached to the trailer to provide extra shelter. This time this sheet was not present and Mr McLaren was questioned about this and he informed us that the sheet damaged with the winds – they are in the process of repairing the sheet.

The living conditions and the transportation of the camels were inspected. Both were found to be acceptable.



Figure 13 – area where the camels are being housed



Figure 14 – the two camels in acceptable condition

No contraventions in terms of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 were observed with the Camels.

FRENCH POODLES

During our inspection, we found six (6) French poodles belonging to Mr David McLaren and they all stay with him in his onsite trailer accommodation. An outside area has been created with barriers to keep the dogs confined around the trailer. The dogs have free access to inside the trailer and outside area. A gazebo is provided outside as shelter during the day. The dogs sleep inside the trailer at night. The dogs had access to food and water. The dogs were found to be in acceptable condition and were free of external parasites. Their teeth were also checked, and no concern was found.



Figure 15 – the Poodles out walking with Mr McLaren

NETWORKING INSPECTIONS

TOUR ROUTE

Previous town/s:

Worcester

Upcoming show/s:

Bellville – 15/03/2023 until 26/03/2023
Milnerton – 29/03/2023 until 11/04/2023
Wynberg – 26/04/2023 until 07/05/2023
Athlone – 09/05/2023 until 14/05/2023