



CIRCUS INSPECTION CHECKLIST

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

Date: 14/03/2023 Time: 15h08 Place: Boston

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 Bellville
8. Location of circus performance Jack Muller Park – Frans Conradie Drive, Boston
9. Dates of performances 15/03/2023 until 26/03/2023
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.
2. The outdoor enclosures for the lions and tigers were enlarged. They are waiting for more panels to enlarge the enclosures even more. Also, a fan has been installed to blow cool air on the lions and tigers when it is hot.

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

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). A fan has been installed on the outside of the trailer to blow cool air on the lions and tigers when it is hot.

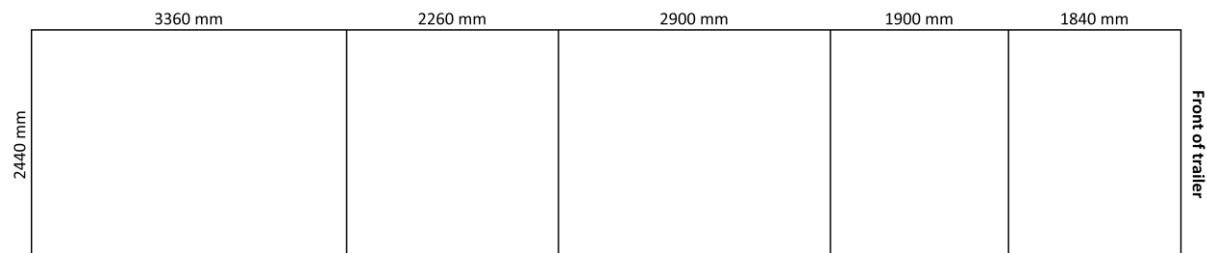


Figure 2 - depiction of trailer used to transport the Lions and Bengal Tigers

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 has been enlarged since our last inspection. They are busy constructing more barriers so that the outdoor area can be enlarged more.



Figure 3 – Lions resting inside the trailer



Figure 4 - outdoor area for the tigers enlarged with new barriers

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.

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. Wooden logs have also been sourced for the lions and tigers since the last inspection. The lions also have a wooden platform they can jump onto and lie on and under.



Figure 7 – Water available for lions



Figure 8 – Water available for tigers

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, and pieces of beef during performances to reward them and also supplements obtained from Dr Codwall. 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
Albino Burmese Python	Sunny	Female	Approx 8.5 kg
Albino Burmese Python	Franky	Male	Approx 7.2 kg
Natural colour Burmese Python	Rocky	Male	Approx 22 kg

There are two wooden boxes inside a room in one of the trailers where the Burmese Pythons are being housed in. The wooden boxes are 2.4m by 0.91m. 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 boxes 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. The Burmese Pythons are in acceptable condition with no obvious signs of injury or ailments. The snakes were taken outside and placed on the grass for examination.



Figure 9 – Wooden boxes for the snakes with sufficient light and ventilation



Figure 10 – Inside wooden box no 1 (bottom)



Figure 11 - Inside wooden box no 1 (top)



Figure 12 – Albino Burmese Python



Figure 11 - Albino Burmese Python



Figure 12 – Natural colour Burmese 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.

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 – transport and shelter on the side of box

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

GOATS

During our inspection, we found two (2) goats that are new to the circus act. The goats are kept in an enclosure of approximately 3m by 3m. Sufficient shelter is provided. The goats have access to adlib food and water. Both goats were found to be in acceptable condition.



Figure 15 – goats in their enclosure



Figure 15 – drinking water for goats

NETWORKING INSPECTIONS

TOUR ROUTE

Previous town/s:

Stellenbosch

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