



## CIRCUS INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Inspector: Jason Page Society: Cape of Good Hope SPCA  
 Date: 13 March 2024 Time: 10:23-11:42 Place: Firgrove Rural

### GENERAL

1. Name of person in charge David Dallas McLaren
2. Name of Circus McLaren Circus
3. Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_
4. Physical Address as per licence 108 Christine Rd, Homelands  
Meyerton, 1960
5. E-mail David@McLarencircus.co.za
6. Telephone / Cell phone numbers 084 406 5523
7. SPCA District Cape Town
8. Location of circus performance Firgrove Rural
9. Dates of performances 13-18 March 2024
10. Times of performances 19:00-21:00
11. Name of circus veterinarian Tygerberg Animal Hospital
12. Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_
13. Address Durbanville
14. Date of last inspection by a veterinarian Dr. Ryan Jeffreys 12/2023  
076 462 6248

Comment Farrier: Raymond (swellendam) - 082 928 3246

Dentist: Aubrey (Durban) - 079 1414 9743

AS Horse Dentistry

# PERFORMING ANIMALS PROTECTION ACT LICENCE

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO OBTAIN A PHOTOSTAT COPY OF THE LICENCE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

## LICENCE

- Licence No: PAL/02 GAUT/202/232/001
- To whom is the licence granted:
  - Person: David Dallas McLaren
  - Permanent address: 108 Christine Road, Homebush, Meyerton, 1960
  - Company: McLaren Circus & Midvaal Lion Park.
- Date of issue 11/11/2023 Date of expiry: 16/11/2024.
- Name of person that authorised the licence: Dr. FM Baloyi
- District for which licence was issued: Tshwane office.
- 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 |
|-----------------|--------|------------|----------|
| Camels          | 2:0:0  | ✓          | ✓        |
| Minature Horses | 3:0:0  | ✓          | ✓        |
| Horses          | 3:0:0  | ✓          | ✓        |
| Ponies          | 2:0:0  | ✓          | ✓        |
| Tigers          | 2:0:0  | ✓          | ✓        |
| Lions           | 1:2:0  | ✓          | ✓        |
| Poodles         | 5:3:0  | ✓          | ✓        |
| Snakes          | 3      | ✓          | ✓        |
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## **NOTES**

- In terms of Section 1 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 as amended all circuses are required to obtain a licence for exhibition and training or performing animals and use of animals for safeguarding.
- Check that the performance licence relates to the requirements of all sections within section 3F and PAPA regulations 2016 (this will contain details of what must be on the license)
- In terms of Section 5 of the Act, should a circus not be in possession of the relevant documentation as referred to in the Performing Animals Protection Act Regulations 2016, performances are to be cancelled until these permits are issued. Any circus that does not comply may be reported to the National Licencing officer to pursue charges in terms of Section 8 of the act.

### **Section 5 Obstruction of police officer**

Any person who wilfully obstructs, delays or otherwise interferes with a police officer in the exercise of the powers herein granted, or who conceals any animal with intent to defeat the exercise of such powers, or otherwise hampers or impedes the exercise of such powers, is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding R20 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years in addition to any other penalty imposed for the contravention of any provision of this Act or any regulations made thereunder.

# ANIMALS INSPECTED

| SPECIES             | NO. & SEX    | AGE                      | DIET<br>FEEDING ROUTINE<br>WATER | TYPE OF EQUIPMENT /<br>FIXTURES USED ON ANIMALS<br>(CHAINS, WHIPS, PRODDERS) | BODY CONDITION: ANY VISIBLE<br>INJURIES/ILLNESS/ODD<br>BEHAVIOUR/MANIPULATIONS<br>(TEETH EXTRACTED, DE-<br>CLAWED) | TRAIN | EXHIBIT |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Camel               | 2:0:0        | 17                       | Tef and epol Pellets             | Horse lunge whip                                                             | None seen                                                                                                          | ✓     | ✓       |
| Miniature<br>Horses | 3:0:0        | 16<br>16<br>4            | Tef and epol Pellets             | Horse lunge whip                                                             | None seen                                                                                                          | ✓     | ✓       |
| Horses              | 3:0:0        | 7<br>14<br>14            | Tef and epol Pellets             | Horse lunge whip                                                             | None seen                                                                                                          | ✓     | ✓       |
| Ponies              | 2:0:0        | 12                       | Tef and epol Pellets             | Horse lunge whip                                                             | None seen                                                                                                          | ✓     | ✓       |
| Tigers              | 2:0:0        | 4<br>4                   | Whole chicken, Predator powder   | Horse lunge whip<br>Guide stick                                              | None seen                                                                                                          | ✓     | ✓       |
| Lions               | 1:2:0        | 5<br>8<br>8              | Whole chicken, Predator Powder   | Horse lunge whip<br>Guide stick                                              | None seen                                                                                                          | ✓     | ✓       |
| Poodles             | 5:3:0        | 12/8/11<br>8/2/12<br>2/2 | Royal Canin                      | None                                                                         | None seen                                                                                                          | ✓     | ✓       |
| Snakes              | Unknown<br>3 | Unknown                  | Frozen Rabbits & Chicken         | None                                                                         | None seen                                                                                                          | ✓     | ✓       |
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| SPECIES | NO. & SEX | AGE | DIET PROVIDED/FEEDING ROUTINE / WATER | TYPE OF EQUIPMENT / FIXTURES USED ON ANIMALS (CHAINS, WHIPS, PRODDERS) | BODY CONDITION: ANY VISIBLE INJURIES/ILLNESS/ODD BEHAVIOUR/MANIPULATIONS (TEETH EXTRACTED, DE-CLAWED) | TRAIN | EXHIBIT |
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Total number of animals 26

Any injured or unhealthy animals None seen

Reason for discrepancy between animals on licence and numbers inspected Others are left at facility in Cauteng

## ACCOMMODATION / TRAILERS

| SPECIES          | NO OF ANIMALS PER TRAILER | SIZE       | FLOORING/ BEDDING | MEANS OF ACCESS / FREE OR RESTRICTED ACCESS | OUTSIDE CAMP YES/NO (IF YES - SIZE, BARRIER, SHADE, FURNISHINGS, RETREAT) | VENTILATION/ SIDES OPEN OR CLOSED DURING TRAVELLING |
|------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Camels           | 2                         | ± 7m       | Sawdust           | Play area                                   | Yes                                                                       |                                                     |
| Miniature Horses | 3                         | ± 12m      | Sawdust           | Play area                                   | Yes                                                                       |                                                     |
| Horses           | 3                         | ± 12m      | Sawdust           | Play area                                   | Yes                                                                       |                                                     |
| Ponies           | 2                         | ± 12m      | Sawdust           | Play area                                   | Yes                                                                       |                                                     |
| Tigers           | 2                         | ± 20 x 20m | Sawdust           | Play area                                   | Yes                                                                       |                                                     |
| Lions            | 3                         | ± 14m      | Sawdust           | Play area                                   | Yes                                                                       |                                                     |
| Poodles          | 8                         | ± 10m      | Grass             | Play area                                   | Yes                                                                       |                                                     |
| Snakes           | 3                         | ± 2,5m     | Substrate         | Restricted access                           | No.                                                                       |                                                     |
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## ANIMAL ACCOMMODATION

### NOTES FOR CHECK LIST

- Check on all living conditions: - size and conditions of cages, bedding used, type of feed and watering facilities used and adequate sheltering facilities. Check cleanliness of cages, stalls etc. Report excessive flies, bad smell etc. Check that adequate precautions have been taken to protect the animals against the elements such as wind chill, rain, heat or cold.
- Water to be freely available. Often watering is reliant on handlers, with animals showing thirst when offered food. Only when an animal refuses to drink water has it had sufficient.

**Note:** Such refusal to drink can also be a symptom of illness. Water may be withheld up to an hour prior to a performance. However water should be freely available at all other times.

- Shelter  
Animals such as horses, camels and elephants in circuses do not have the same freedom of movement as free-ranging animals with access to natural shade or shelter. Therefore, effective artificial shelter must be provided, as these animals may be more susceptible to the possible effects of a chilling or cold wind, rain or heat stress from the sun. Where natural shelterbelts and trees do not provide protection from adverse weather suitable artificial shelter must be provided.
- Position of animal trailers / accommodation:

How far from the following: Music (Speakers, microphones) No speakers during inspection.

Roads: ± 200 m

Noise (generators, coolers, etc) No generators/coolers running during inspection.

Fumes: No fumes seen during the inspection.

Are members of the public allowed to walk around freely amongst trailers?

No, this is restricted area and only staff is allowed at the trailers.

Are safety barriers in place? Yes.

## TRANSPORTATION

### ARRIVAL

- Check general condition of animals on arrival. Any transport injuries? Not inspected.

- Observe offloading procedures and length of time before animals are offloaded and / or fed and watered.

Not inspected.

- Check that water is made available to the animals immediately after arrival.

Water was available upon my arrival

- Rest period before performance Couple of hours
- Length of travel between venues ± 1 hour.

#### DEPARTURE

- Check all transport vehicles prior to the circus departing to next venue. Pay particular attention to the flooring.

Did not monitor

- Observe loading of animals into transport vehicles. Report goading of animals.

Did not inspect.

- Check that animals are not left in cages on the transport vehicles for long periods without shelter from the elements.

Did not inspect.

- Check that animals have been watered prior to journey. (Depending on the length of the journey).

Did not inspect.

#### OBSERVING PERFORMING ANIMALS

- Check to see how the animals enter the arena (are they goaded with whips or do they enter willingly?).

Did not inspect.

**Example:** Inexperienced animals entering the arena are sometimes initially blinded by the intense spotlights as well as startled by the music over the loudspeakers.

- Check where animals are held just prior to the performance and the length of the time they are kept there after their performance.

They are kept in their enclosures. Large cat species are kept in trailer 15 min prior to show starts.

- Check to see if animals are enticed with food or are goaded to ensure that they perform. They are in there for about 30 min according to owner

Did not inspect.

- Check to see if any drugs are administered to the animals.

Did not observe any

- Nature of tricks and behaviours each animal is asked to perform during their routine.

Interact with the 'handlers'. Take food/meat out of their mouths. Does tricks.

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**NOTE:** Always have two SPCA officials observe a performance: - one official observing the animals backstage and the second, observing the animals being taken back to the pens. Check that the equipment and apparatus used on or for animals are humane and in good state of repair.

## NETWORKING INSPECTIONS

### TOUR ROUTE

|           | Venue       | Arrives       | Departs       |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Last stop | Caledon     | 10 March 2024 | 12 March 2024 |
| Next stop | Brackenfell | 18 March 2024 | 01 April 2024 |

**NOTE:** Contact the next SPCA in good time with all relevant information and a copy of this report.

- Name of person contacted at next SPCA

N/A. Date: N/A.

- Make a particular note as to any changes to the registered list of animals i.e. change of type or numbers of animals recorded by previous SPCA.

No previous checklist received.

- Were any warnings given to circus? If so please attach to report.**

None given.

- Full details concerning any unhealthy or injured animals must be recorded in this report and given to the next SPCA.

None seen.

**The completed checklist must be forwarded to the  
NSPCA Liaison Unit after the inspection.**