



CIRCUS INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Inspector: Elani Graham & Rowan Davids Society: COGHDate: 20 March 2026 Time: 13H08 Place: Brackenfell

GENERAL

1. Name of person in charge D.D. McLaren & Q. Louw
2. Name of Circus McLaren Circus
3. Postal Address P.O. Box 263466, Three Rivers, 1935
4. Physical Address as per licence _____
5. E-mail david@mcclarencircus.co.za
6. Telephone / Cell phone numbers 084 406 8523
7. SPCA District Cape of Good Hope
8. Location of circus performance Fairbridge Mall
9. Dates of performances 20 March 2026
10. Times of performances 08 April 2026
11. Name of circus veterinarian Dr R Jeffery
12. Telephone number 076 462 5248
13. Address NH 86, Martebestfontein Rd, Hekpoort
14. Date of last inspection by a veterinarian tbc

Comment Sent NTC 15701 to obtain F10 disinfectant, to provide the Burmese python on the bottom food and make a feeding roster. Also mentioned constant check on truck flooring/maintenance. Agreed to have us observe the show any time.

PERFORMING ANIMALS PROTECTION ACT LICENCE

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

LICENCE

1. Licence No: PAL/02/GAUT/202/232/007
2. To whom is the licence granted:
 - a) Person: D.D. McLaren
 - b) Permanent address: 108 Christine Rd, Homelands,
Meyerton
 - c) Company: McLaren
3. Date of issue 14/11/2024 Date of expiry: 16/11/2025
4. Name of person that authorised the licence: Chief State Veterinarian, Tshwane,
5. District for which licence was issued: South Africa
6. Amount paid for licence. _____
(This is to determine if the application is a new one or a renewal)

Animals used for training/exhibition

Species	Number	Exhibition	Training
Tiger	x 2	✓	✓
Lion	x 3	✓	✓
Snake	x 2	✓	✓
Poodle	x 7	✓	✓

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

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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
Lion	3		Whole chicken daily	Horse lunge whip & guide	None observed	✓	✓
Tiger	2		Whole chicken daily	Horse lunge whip & guide	"	✓	✓
Poodle	5+2		Royal Canin	None	"	✓	✓
Pythons	2		Frozen rats / chicken fortnightly	None	"	✓	✓

Total number of animals 14 animals

Any injured or unhealthy animals No

Reason for discrepancy between animals on licence and numbers inspected Housed at Midvaal Lion Park

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
Lion	3	14m trailer	sand	play area	Yes, barrier, pedestal, sand, grass	Yes
Tiger	2	20x20m play area	sand	play area	Yes, barrier, pedestal, sand, grass	Yes
Poodles	7	private vehicles	Tar	Play area	Yes, awning, barrier, caravan	Yes
pythons	2	Snake box	Coconut husks	Snake box	N/A, heat lamps	Yes

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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) Inside 10m - Outside 20m-30m

Roads: approx 100 metres

Noise (generators, coolers, etc) Approx 10m-20m

Fumes: Directed into air

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

No

Are safety barriers in place? Yes

TRANSPORTATION

ARRIVAL

- Check general condition of animals on arrival. Any transport injuries? None observed

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

mentioned on previous checklist

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

mentioned on previous checklist

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	Riversdal	Unknown	Unknown
Next stop	Paarl	6 April 2026	13 April 2026

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

Paarl SPCA

Date: 6 April 2026

- 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 moved animals due to foot & mouth & AHS.

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

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

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