

CIRCUS INSPECTION CHECK LIST

Inspector: Elni Graham Society: COGH
 Date: 23/04/2026 Time: 18H50 Place: Milnerton

GENERAL

1. Name of person in charge David McLaren & Quinton 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@mclarencircus.co.za
6. Telephone / Cell phone numbers 084 4068523
7. SPCA District Cape of Good Hope
8. Location of circus performance Woodbridge Island Park, R27, Milnerton
9. Dates of performances 22 April 2026 - 03 May 2026
10. Times of performances 15H00 - 17H00 & 19H00 - 21H00
11. Name of circus veterinarian Dr R Jeffrey
12. Telephone number 076 462 5248
13. Address MH86, Hartebesfontein rd, Hekpoort
14. Date of last inspection by a veterinarian 20 April 2026 (Baker & McKay)

Comment This is the last venue in City of Cape Town.
I decided to watch the show to observe the equine performance.
The difference I saw from the previous show, is that they
allow pony rides and photos to be taken with the
python during the break time. To inform Swartland
SPCA. Ask about next site.

ANIMALS INSPECTED

SPECIES	NO. & SEX	AGE	DIET 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	F 2 M 1	6, 9 y 6 y	Whole Chicken predator powder	Horse Lunge Whip Guide Stick	Fair	✓	✓
Tiger	M 2	4 1.5 y	Whole Chicken predator powder	Horse Lunge Whip Guide Stick	Fair	✓	✓
Poodles	F 3 M 4	3 y +	Royal Canin	None Human	Fair	✓	✓
Horse	M 1	8 +	Teff & Epul pellets	Horse lunge whip	Fair	✓	✓
Welsh Pony	M 3	5 +	Teff & Epul pellets	Horse Lunge whip	Fair	✓	✓
Miniature Horse	M 3	5 +	Teff & Epul pellets	Horse Lunge whip	Fair	✓	✓
Burmese Python	?	2	Frozen rats & chicken	None, Human	Fair	✓	✓

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.

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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	F2 M1	6,9y 6y	Whole chicken predator powder	Horse lunge whip Guide Stick	Fair	✓	✓
Tiger	M2	4 y 1.5y	Whole Chicken predator Powder	Horse lunge whip Guide Stick	Fair	✓	✓
Poodles	F3 M4	3y+	Royal canin	None, Human	Fair	✓	✓
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Burmese Python	?	?	Frozen rats & chicken	None, Human	Fair	✓	✓

Total number of animals 21 animalsAny injured or unhealthy animals None observedReason for discrepancy between animals on licence and numbers inspected Some are kept on farm, others are used for Circus

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	1.4 trailer	Sawdust on wood & grass	Trailer & play area	Yes, 20m ² fencing, shade, retreat	Yes
Tiger	2	20x20m Play area	Sawdust on wood & grass	Trailer & play area	Yes, "	Yes
Horse	1	12m Horse Trailer	Bedding & grass	Stable & play area	Yes, "	Yes
Pony	3	12m Horse Trailer	Bedding & grass	Stable & play area	Yes, "	Yes
Miniature Horse	3	12m Horse Trailer	Bedding & grass	play area	Yes, "	Yes
Poodle	7	Private vehicles	caravan & grass	Caravan & play area	Yes, 5m ² fencing, caravan, shade	Yes
Pythons	2	Snake BOX	gmo coconut Husks	Snake box (sometimes outside)	Temporary	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 meters
Noise (generators, coolers, etc) Generator (constant) -drowns noise of music, 10m-20m
Fumes: Directed into the 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.
None observed
- Check that water is made available to the animals immediately after arrival.
Usually yes, have water tanks

- Rest period before performance Approx 2 hours between shows, 2 days at each site
- Length of travel between venues dependent. From Milnerton to Vredenburg

DEPARTURE

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

Always access**OBSERVING PERFORMING ANIMALS**

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

Willingly with guidance from handler making noise & holding stick

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.

In trailers / stables (resting areas), ±30 minutes enclosed.
When finished they open play areas.

- Check to see if animals are enticed with food or are goaded to ensure that they perform.

Whips are slammed on floor, led with stick, enticed with food to do tricks / listen

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

Not observed

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

Simple & short. sitting on platforms, doing light jumps, horses bow, female lions gets petted at end. Dogs run & jump

Dogs also ride scooter standing on hind legs.

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	Milberton	20 April 2026	4 May 2026
Next stop	Vredenburg	04 May 2026	10 May 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

Swartland SPCA

Date: 24/4/2026

- 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 changes made

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

No

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

None observed

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