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**Stop  
Circus  
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NOW**



Dear Mr O'Brien

I am appalled that the Government has taken no action with regard to the issue of animals in circuses following the Animal Defenders 18-month study which revealed;

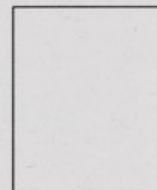
- The 1925 Performing Animals (Regulation) Act does not lay down adequate standards of care & welfare of animals in travelling circuses, or circus winter quarters
- The 1911 Protection of Animals Act cannot protect circus animals against physical abuse, because the travelling nature of circuses makes witnessing such incidences virtually impossible, nor is it designed to protect them against psychological suffering caused by deprivation. Were it not for secret filming by AD's, it is likely that convictions for cruelty to animals may never have been brought against Mary Chipperfield.

I would urge you to devote Parliamentary time to adopting AD's recommendations, backed by APGAW, 276 MPs & 250,000 public petitioners:- to ban the use of exotic & domestic animals in circuses & to bring circus winter quarters under the 1981 Zoo Licensing Act.

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