



**BOYCOTT
ANIMAL
CIRCUSES**

Animals don't belong in circuses - a fact which should be obvious to most people. But sadly, hundreds of animals continue to be held captive in these travelling menageries every year.

Thankfully, on 1st January 2018, the use of wild animals in circuses was banned in Ireland. Although this is a great step, domesticated animals such as horses, dogs, goats, llamas and birds are sadly still permitted to be used in Irish circuses.

Examples of unnatural tricks these animals are forced to perform would be the common 'dancing horses' act, in which horses are made stand up on their hind legs and walk, as if they are dancing to the music. This is not something a horse would do in the wild, and not something they can do easily or willingly. They are abused and beaten into submission, and through fear are forced to perform unnecessary acts - all for the entertainment of people. The same applies to every other species used in animal circuses.

Circus animals, who in the wild would spend the majority of their days travelling and exploring new areas, spend 22 hours a day locked up in cages and pens so small, that they barely have room to turn around. This, coupled with their constant state of fear leads them to exhibit the stereotypical psychosis found in all captive animals. They self-mutilate and display repetitive behaviour, such as swaying back and forth.

Animal circuses should be a thing of the past. The animals wouldn't be suffering if people weren't still paying for it to continue. By attending these 'shows', you are directly responsible for letting this cruelty exist.

**You can help these animals and take a stand against cruelty -
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