

ANIMAL-FREE CIRCUS COLORADO

Beatings with whips and bullhooks, stungun shocks and restraints are no fun for the animals.

LET'S BREAK THE CHAIN OF CRUELTY!

ANIMAL-FREE CIRCUS COLORADO, a local advocacy group, seeks to raise awareness about wild performing animal events in Colorado and take action to end the cruelty inflicted upon performing wild animals.

Formed by Michelle DeLaria of Arvada, CO in January 2018, AFCC coordinates with individuals, groups and organizations who advocate an end to captive wild animal performances through information sharing, advocacy, and peaceful demonstration. We are an all-volunteer Colorado group and welcome all who want to be a voice for the elephants, tigers, bears and other captive wild animals forced to perform tricks, give rides or provide entertainment for profit, service club fundraisers, etc.



Photo: Animal Defenders International (ADI)



See videos at <u>ad-international.org/</u> <u>media_centre/videos.php</u>

Progress in the U.S. and in the world:

- 71 U.S. jurisdictions (in 27 states) have some form of ban or restriction on wild animal acts.
- More than 2/3 of Americans say they're "concerned" by the use of animals in circuses. (2015 Gallup poll)
- 34 nations have banned or restricted the use of either all, or wild animals in circuses.

ACTUAL CIRCUS TRAINING



Photo: CompassionWorks International



See videos of what we want to end at <u>circusprotest.com/videos</u> View Animal Defenders International "<u>No Fun for Elephants</u>" on YouTube

Circus animals are confined virtually all of their lives in barren conditions, while forced to suffer extreme physical and psychological deprivation:

- Over 90% of their lives are spent in chains or cages.
- They travel nearly all year in trucks and box cars with no climate control; sleeping, eating, and defecating in the same cage.
- When allowed out, these animals are trained using extreme "discipline" such as whipping, hitting, poking, and shocking with electrical prods.
- Even though the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) sets minimum standards of care, most itinerary stops are not inspected.

Wild animal acts also pose a significant threat to public health and safety:

- Circus elephants may carry tuberculosis (TB), and can infect humans with the bacterial disease. Public records show that circuses have used TB-positive elephants in public performances.
- Circuses are not required by law to carry emergency euthanasia equipment and local law enforcement agencies may be forced to deal with a loose animal.

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