factsheet

Circus Hollywood (Serge Landkas)

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Circus Hollywood has failed to meet minimal federal standards for the care of animals used in exhibition as established in the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cited Circus Hollywood for repeated failure to provide a program of veterinary care, failure to provide shelter from the elements, failure to provide primates with environmental enrichment for the promotion of their psychological well-being, failure to provide adequate space, and providing animals with dirty drinking water. Contact PETA for documentation.

February 6, 2013: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to have a responsible adult available in order for an inspection to take place.

June 6, 2011: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to have a written program of veterinary care and the environmental enrichment plan available for the inspector to review and for failure to provide a lone colobus monkey with adequate environmental enhancement. Circus Hollywood was also cited for having a piece of torn sheet metal in the bottom of the llama, alpaca, and camel enclosure, risking injury to the animals; having a perimeter fence that was only 4 feet high in some sections, which may not prevent animals or unauthorized people from entering; and having excessive flies in and around the kangaroo and wallaby enclosures.

December 9, 2010: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to provide 22 goats and four sheep with adequate shelter from "the heavy winds, rains, and the current cold weather from 30°F nightly." Circus Hollywood was also cited for failure to maintain facilities in a manner that prevents animals from escaping and/or injuring themselves. The inspector observed a damaged fence around an enclosure containing a camel, a llama, and an alpaca.

December 18, 2009: After finding numerous expired drugs on site, the USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to maintain a program of adequate veterinary care. The circus was also cited for failure to dispose of animal waste in a manner that doesn't present a disease hazard or attract pests as well as for failure to maintain facilities in a manner that prevents animals

from escaping and/or injuring themselves. Animals were allowed to stand on metal floors that had rusted and begun to break through, and the circus had failed to fix an enclosure that had holes large enough to allow dogs to escape.

July 29, 2009: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to develop, document, and follow an adequate environmental enrichment plan to promote the psychological well-being of primates as well as an appropriate plan to provide dogs with the opportunity for exercise. The circus was also cited for failing to have health certificates for 15 traveling dogs as well as proper identification on the performing dogs in order to ensure that they were housed in an appropriate enclosure.

July 21, 2009: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to have a responsible party present so that an animal welfare inspection could be conducted.

December 5, 2006: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to correct a previously identified noncompliance of not having a responsible party present so that an animal welfare inspection could be conducted.

September 22, 2006: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to maintain enclosures in good repair. Two dogs were housed in a transportation trailer that had a cracked wooden floor. The cracks opened to the outside of the trailer, thereby compromising the safety of the animals.

September 21, 2006: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to have a responsible party present so that an animal welfare inspection could be conducted.

July 6, 2006: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to maintain the giraffes' transportation trailer in good repair. The trailer had a leaky roof.

January 18, 2006: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to maintain enclosures in good repair. The giraffe enclosure had numerous protruding nailheads and a jagged piece of tin, and a cage housing a solitary capuchin monkey had multiple areas of rust and peeling paint.

August 29, 2005: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to keep premises clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury caused by plastic cable ties on their enclosures, failure to document an environmental enrichment plan for the primates, and failure to supply adequate veterinary care to animals who were wearing loose, hanging

halters, which posed a risk of getting caught on the enclosure.

February 26, 2002: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to correct a previously identified noncompliance of failure to have a program of veterinary care for a primate.

January 29, 2002: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to supply adequate veterinary care to two dogs with dermatitis and pruritus. The circus was also cited for failure to have a program of veterinary care for a primate and failure to have an environmental enrichment plan for a young, solitary monkey. The inspector wrote that the monkey was "exhibiting attachment behavior" and "[t]his primate belongs to a social species, and has strong social needs for interaction with other primates of the same or similar species."

August 2, 2001: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to maintain records of veterinary care for a dog with a possible skin reaction and a camel with recently healed wounds, failure to maintain dog enclosures in good repair, and failure to identify dogs properly.

December 19, 2000: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to provide a goat and zebu with overgrown hooves with adequate veterinary care. The circus was cited for failure to provide eight pigs, who were kept in an 8-foot-by-8-foot pen, and some dogs with adequate space. The inspector wrote, "There are 10 new dogs living in the trailer; two of these new dogs were measured and did not have adequate enclosure space." The circus was also cited for insufficient lighting in the elephant barn and failure to maintain the goat pen, which had sharp metal protruding from a wall. The inspector noted that the transport trailer compartment was not large enough for all the goats and sheep, that the trailer needed more ventilation, and that the elephant compartment needed repairs.

August 25, 2000: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to provide a goat, who had an abscess on his left flank, with adequate veterinary care. The circus was also cited for failure to maintain the elephant transport trailer and animal inventory records. The inspector also noted that a llama was thin and should be monitored closely.

December 2, 1999: The USDA inspector noted that the zebra and elephant enclosures were being inadequately maintained.

September 30, 1998: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to provide a zebra with

overgrown hooves with adequate veterinary care and failure to maintain complete records of acquisitions and deaths.

September 10, 1998: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood a third time for failure to have a complete program of veterinary care. It was also cited for giving animals filthy drinking water.

June 9, 1998: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood a second time for failure to have a complete program of veterinary care. It was also cited for failure to maintain records and failure to provide the inspector with health certifications and identification for dogs as well as for inadequate storage, lighting, and drainage.

January 21, 1998: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to have a complete program of veterinary care. The inspector also observed that enclosures failed to meet minimum space requirements, that the circus failed to provide shelter from the elements, that poor housekeeping allowed animals access to hazardous materials, and that the transport trailer for the elephant wasn't being adequately maintained.

August 21, 1997: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failure to maintain the transport trailer for the elephant and for giving dirty drinking water to the llamas.

