

### Inspection Report

Feld Entertainment Inc  
Ringling Bros/Barnum & Bailey  
8607 Westwood Center Drive  
Vienna, VA 22182

Customer ID: 7250

Certificate: 52-C-0137

Site: BLU

BLUE UNIT VARIOUS TRAVELLING LOCATIONS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Jun-16-2014

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**HANDLING OF ANIMALS.**

Inspection performed in Las Vegas, NV, from June 16 - 18, 2014, both at the transport train and the performance facility. Animals including goats, llamas, tigers, lions, and kangaroos were observed from arrival at site and enclosure set up. Elephants were observed from train arrival, unloading and through transfer to performance facility. Weather conditions during inspection were extremely windy, and temperatures were 6 degrees F below average.

Ambient and elephant train car temperatures were monitored from the arrival at approximately 12:00 pm, through completion of the unloading process at approximately 5:30 pm, using both a Kestrel 3000 temperature gauge and a Raytek Minitemp temperature gun. Ambient temperature at train arrival was 85 degrees F. Train car temperatures at that time ranged from 83 to 87 degrees F. As the ambient temperature increased during the day, temperatures taken in the elephant areas of the transport train approached then exceeded the ambient temperatures. At 2:30 pm, ambient temperature was 89 degrees F, and the train car temperature was 87 degrees F. At 5 pm, the ambient temperature was 94 degrees F, and the temperature in the train car was 95.3 degrees F. The final train car temperature was after the animals had been removed, and the side doors had been open for approximately 10 minutes. The temperatures taken later in the day reached a level which could cause discomfort to the animals remaining on the stationary train waiting to be unloaded. No physical signs of heat stress were noted during the unloading and transfer of the elephants. Visual observation of all elephants within the train was not possible due to safety considerations.

Some heat relieving measures are in place on the train. Screened windows provide extensive cross ventilation, forced air blowers are present at one end of each train car at floor level, and ceiling exhaust fans are present throughout. Water and hoses are also available. One swamp cooler was present in the animal area of the train near the young elephants. Facility personnel stated swamp cooler was being tested as an additional cooling method. During the arrival and unloading process train car doors remained closed for security reasons. Due to the windy conditions, air circulation through the cars may have been greater than normal.

Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary

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discomfort. Travel during the summer months in areas of extreme heat, such as Las Vegas, Phoenix, and Fresno require additional cooling methods to be available for use if needed to prevent possible discomfort and /or overheating. Temperatures in Phoenix where the circus travels to next are forecast to be 110 degrees F.

CORRECT PRIOR TO TRAVEL IN HIGH HEAT CONDITIONS.

An exit briefing was conducted with the facility representatives.

Inspection conducted in Las Vegas, NV, by Alexandra Andricos, VMO and Jeanne Lorang, ACI. Accompanied by Ringling personnel including the Attending Veterinarian, the Animal Superintendent, and the General Manager.

Asian elephants inspected include: April, Bonnie, Nichole, Juliette, Kelly Ann, Sara, Rudy, Karen and Sudara.

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No non-compliant items were identified during this inspection completed at the Oakland Coliseum.

An exit interview was conducted with company representatives.

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