

Circus Policy

City Policy

Responsible Directorate: Corporate Services

Objective: To provide guidance concerning the operation of circuses that use live performing animals within the City's district.

1. Application:

This policy will apply to all organisations using live performing animals for entertainment purposes within the City of Joondalup.

2. Definitions:

“Domestic animal” means any of the various animals which have been domesticated by man, so as to commonly live and breed in a tame condition.

“Exotic animal” includes, but is not limited to, big cats, elephants, bears, giraffes, non-human primates, or any other type of animal that is either dangerous or not a domestic animal.

3. Statement:

Council opposes the operation of circuses or organisations with performing exotic animals on any City owned or controlled land.

4. Details:

Council considers circuses or organisations that use human acts and/or domestic animals that are kept in accordance with the *RSPCA Policy – C02 Performing Animals*, as appropriate forms of public entertainment.

Creation Date:

April 2008

Amendments:

CJ093-05/12

Related Documentation:

- *Code of Practice for the Conduct of Circuses in Western Australia 2003*
- *RSPCA Policy – C02 Performing Animals*