

Circus Council 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.

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Formerly:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statement on Circuses Policy• Circuses Policy
Amendments:	CJ093-05/12, CJ104-06/17
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Related documentation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Code of Practice for the Conduct of Circuses in Western Australia 2003• RSPCA Policy – C02 Performing Animals
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