

Bil Anifeiliaid Gwyllt a Sycasau (Cymru) | Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill
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1. The legislation should include a definition of 'exhibited' (section 1 (2) (b)).
2. The word entertainment (section 4 (1)) is too prescriptive. Circuses could market themselves as providing educational and conservational information as opposed to entertainment.
3. The offence (section 1) should be extended to the person who handles the animal during performance or exhibition.
4. In the event that circus owners continue to keep their wild animals will such animals remain at the home base whilst the circus is travelling or will they continue to travel with the circus? Given the issues associated with wild animals travelling there should be an offence to possess a wild animal whilst the circus is travelling.
5. The legislation should specify what is and what is not regarded as a wild animal (section 3) as opposed to having a provision to introduce regulations with such specifications in the future.
6. Prosecution may be ineffective especially if the circus is not based in the UK - very often it is extremely difficult to get arrest warrants enforced when a defendant is based in the UK and we think it extremely unlikely that a defendant based abroad would attend any court proceedings. Consequently there should be an enforcement provision to prohibit the use of a wild animal.