

Circus Hollywood (Serge Landkas)

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

September 7, 2022: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failing to have acquisition and disposition records available for review during an inspection and failing to maintain enclosures in good repair. The gate of the camel enclosure was rusted, with portions that were broken or not structurally sound.

January 14, 2020: The USDA documented two “teachable moments,” noting that Circus Hollywood had failed to submit an itinerary. Camels were off-site at a show during an inspection, and a portion of the perimeter fence didn’t meet the height requirement.

September 16, 2019: The USDA documented a “teachable moment,” noting that Circus Hollywood’s program of veterinary care wasn’t available for review during an inspection.

February 6, 2013: The USDA cited Circus

Hollywood for failing to have a responsible adult available so an inspection could take place.

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

December 9, 2010: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failing to provide 22 goats and four sheep with adequate shelter from “the heavy winds, rains, and the current cold weather from 30°F nightly.” The circus was also cited for failing 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 failing to maintain an adequate veterinary care program. The circus was also cited for failing to dispose of animal waste properly and failing to maintain facilities that prevent animals from escaping or injuring themselves. The inspector saw dogs standing on metal floors that had rusted and begun to fall apart. The circus had also failed to fix an enclosure with holes large enough for dogs to escape through.

July 29, 2009: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failing 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 opportunities for exercise. The circus was also cited for failing to have health certificates for 15 traveling dogs as well as proper identification for these animals in order to ensure that they'd be housed in an appropriate enclosure.

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

December 5, 2006: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for a repeat violation for failing to have a responsible party present so that an animal welfare inspection could be conducted.

September 22, 2006: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failing to maintain enclosures in good repair. Two dogs were housed in a transport trailer with a cracked wooden floor that compromised the animals' safety.

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

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

January 18, 2006: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failing to maintain enclosures in good repair. The enclosure housing giraffes had numerous protruding nail heads 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 failing to remove excess plastic from enclosures (which could be hazardous to animals), failing to document the daily enrichment that the primates were provided with, and failing to conduct daily checks on animals wearing halters. Some of the halters were loose and dangling, posing a potential hazard to the animals because they could become caught on an object.

February 26, 2002: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for a repeat violation for failing to have a program of veterinary care for a primate.

January 29, 2002: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failing to provide two dogs who had dermatitis and pruritus with adequate veterinary care. The circus was also cited for failing to have a program of veterinary care for a primate and failing to have an environmental enrichment plan for a young, solitary monkey. The inspector wrote that the monkey was "exhibiting attachment behavior" and that "[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 failing to maintain records of veterinary care for a dog with a possible skin reaction and a camel with recently healed wounds, failing to maintain enclosures housing dogs, and failing to identify dogs properly.

December 19, 2000: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failing to provide a goat and a zebu with adequate veterinary care for overgrown hooves. The circus was also cited for failing 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 not having sufficient lighting in the barn housing elephants and failing to maintain the pen housing goats. Sharp metal protruded from a wall. The inspector noted that the transport trailer compartment wasn’t large enough for all the goats and sheep, that the trailer needed more ventilation, and that the elephant compartment needed to be repaired.

August 25, 2000: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failing to provide a goat, who had an abscess on his left flank, with adequate veterinary care. The circus was also cited for failing to maintain the elephant transport trailer, the ceiling of which was damaged, in good repair and failing to keep accurate inventory records on hand. The inspector also noted that a llama named Coco was thin and needed to be closely monitored.

December 2, 1999: The USDA inspector noted that the enclosures housing zebras and elephants weren’t being adequately maintained. A board was knocked down in the zebra enclosure, and the elephant enclosure had exposed nails.

September 30, 1998: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failing to provide adequate veterinary care to a zebra with overgrown hooves and failing to maintain complete records of acquisitions and deaths.

September 10, 1998: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood a third time for failing to have a complete program of veterinary care. The circus was also cited for giving animals drinking water from a container with a dirty film on its sides and bottom.

June 9, 1998: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood a second time for failing to have a complete program of veterinary care. The circus was also cited for failing to maintain

records and for failing to provide the inspector with health certifications and identification for dogs as well as for not having adequate storage, lighting, or drainage.

January 21, 1998: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failing to have a complete program of veterinary care, failing to provide a zebra and a giraffe with space large enough to allow them to exercise and move freely, failing to provide camels and a zebu with shelter from the sun and weather, failing to keep the premises free of hazardous materials such as nails that could pose a danger to free-roaming hoofed animals, and failing to maintain the camel pen and the elephant transport trailer in good repair. The camel pen had damaged chain-link fencing, and the elephant trailer had damaged paneling and a window with broken metal mesh. The inspector noted that the elephant was chained in the outdoor corral and that multiple animals had no transport enclosures.

August 21, 1997: The USDA cited Circus Hollywood for failing to maintain a transport trailer for an elephant and failing to provide llamas with fresh, clean drinking water.