Circus Policy

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1. Statement of Intent

The Council is committed to ensuring circuses and other events involving the use of animals comply with all relevant legislation, regulations and best practice to safeguard the health and safety of the animals, and minimise the risk of improper care.

Council will consider approval of applications submitted from circuses and other organisations to hold events or displays that incorporate the use of domestic animals including but not limited to dogs, horses, pigs and alpacas.

The use or display of exotic animals in circuses or other events on Council land will not be permitted. Exotic animals include but not limited to monkeys, tigers, lions and elephants.

Council consider circuses or organisations that use domesticated animals that are kept in accordance with the appropriate legislation and codes of practice, as appropriate forms of public entertainment.

2. Scope

This policy applies to circuses and other organisations wishing to hold events or displays, which use animals on Council owned or controlled land.

3. Legislation and References

- South Australia Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals in Circuses
- *Animal Welfare Act 1985* (South Australia) – Part 3 Animal Welfare Offences
- *Animal Welfare Regulations 2012* (South Australia)
- City of Playford By-Law No. 3 – Local Government Land 2015
- City of Playford Global Glossary

This Policy should not be considered as the only document that may relate to circuses, other tiers of government, agencies or organisations may have legislation or policies that also apply.

4. Application

Chief Executive Officer	Appropriate delegations of the Circus policy are in place to ensure compliance to this policy.

Senior Manager City Property	The Senior Manager City Property will monitor compliance with this Policy.
Manager Sport and Property	The Manager Sport and Property will communicate, implement and monitor compliance with this Policy.
Authorised and Delegated Officers	Authorised and delegated officers are to adhere to the principles of this policy and follow guidelines in approval of any event applications received.

5. Relevance to Risk Appetite Statement

Reputation

The City of Playford has a **LOW** appetite for negative perceptions that compromise its credibility and reputation in regards to allowing exotic animals to be displayed or perform in a circus or other event held on Council owned or controlled land.

6. Feedback

Your feedback on this policy is invited and can be directed to the Manager Governance via email to governance@playford.sa.gov.au or by calling the Customer Contact Team on 8256 0333.

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