

## Circuses and Performing Animals Policy

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### POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Wanneroo ('City') is committed to ensuring that **circuses** or events involving animals comply with relevant legislation, regulations and best practice in all aspects of health and safety, and minimise the risk of improper care of animals.

### POLICY OBJECTIVE

To provide:

- guidance on the operation of **circuses** and use of animals at events within the City;
- guidance for the appropriate location of circuses which minimises impact on the City's natural and built environment; and
- clarification that the use of **wild animals** for entertainment or display purposes is not supported by the City.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to organisations operating circuses or using **performing animals** within the City of Wanneroo.

This policy does not apply to farms, school farms, displays approved by the Curriculum Council or the Education Department of WA, or petting zoos featuring only **domestic animals**.

### IMPLICATIONS (Strategic, Financial, Human Resources)

Any event held in the City must comply with the relevant terms and conditions contained with the City's Public Community Event process including obtaining relevant approvals for required licenses and permits.

## IMPLEMENTATION

### Locations

The City supports the provision of circus-type entertainment occurring within the City only at locations where, in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or nominee, adequate space, parking and ancillary facilities are provided and the facility/location is within ready access of sufficient public transport to cater for the expected attendees. Such locations will only be approved for use by circuses or similar entertainment once per annum, except by resolution of Council.

### Performing and/or Caged Animals

Approval will only be considered for circuses or events where the use of wild animals as either performers or in cages is specifically excluded, both from the proposed event or performance and from the general repertoire of the organisation seeking approval from such an event or performance.

Circuses that include the use of domestic animals will be considered on an individual basis on application to the City via the Public Community Event Application process.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manager Place Management is responsible for the application of this Policy.

## DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Disputes in regard to this policy will be referred to the Director Community and Place in the first instance. In the event that an agreement cannot be reached, the matter will be submitted to the CEO for a ruling.

## EVALUATION AND REVIEW PROVISIONS

This policy will be reviewed every three years.

## DEFINITIONS

DEFINITIONS: Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only.	
<b>Circuses</b>	Defined as the occasional and itinerant performances and events held solely for the purpose of providing entertainment including displays of agility, illusion and clowning and which may utilise public open space.
<b>Performing Animals</b>	Defined as any animal trained and displayed solely for the purpose of entertaining.
<b>Wild Animals</b>	Defined as any animals normally found in the wild and not under normal circumstances domesticated by humans (including but not limited to big cats, elephants, bears, giraffes).

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**Domestic Animals**

Defined as any of the various animals that have been domesticated by humans, so as to commonly live and breed in a tame condition (including but not limited to dogs, horses and farm animals).

**RELEVANT POLICIES/MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES/DOCUMENTS OR DELEGATIONS**

Public Community Events Policy and Management Procedure

**REFERENCES**

The Animal Welfare Act 2002  
 Animal Welfare (General) Regulations 2003  
 RSPCA Policy – C02 Performing Animals

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Manager Place Management

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