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BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE OPEN DELEGATION:	
We are bringing forward a suggestion to	
Council in regards to Public Safety in	
respect to Animal Welfare.	

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PETITION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARRIE...

TO STOP THE CIRCUSES FROM BRINGING IN THEIR HORRIFIC TRAINING WEAPONS USED IN THE CIRCUS INDUSTRY AND TO FORCE THESE BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS TO PERFORM PAINFUL, UNNATURAL AND DEMEANING ACTS IN THE NAME OF ENTERTAINMENT

There are hundreds of cases where wild animals have broken free from their abusive environments, causing massive destruction and killing innocent people.

Animals in the circus are being treated as a tool to get money. It's cruel and inhumane.

If these performances are allowed to continue then what does our ANIMAL WELFARE really stand for.

We are requesting that the City of Barrie Council Members change the existing by-laws, in regards to the performing of captive dangerous wild and exotic animals who are brought to our community to do ridiculous degrading acts in the name of entertainment, for- 2 -Important Reasons.....

1. For the mere Safety of all Residents who come within a close proximity
2. For the proper "ethical reason" that Abuse and Exploitation of any Animal is outrageous, let alone with - protected - "Endangered Animal Species"

In their native homelands, the animals you see in Circuses are free to walk and run, choose lifetime companions, and raise their families.

Tragically, these animals are held captive by circuses such as The Shrine Circus, or Garden Brothers, and are forced to perform confusing acts day and night for 48 to 50 weeks every year.

In order to get these animals to perform stressful acts, trainers use blow torches, whips, sticks, shocked with electric prods (taser guns), burned with blow torches, and beaten with bullhooks with metal tips that are jabbed into Elephants sensitive skin on their thighs, behind their ears and jabbed inside their mouths.

The animals endure severe confinement, deprivation, hardship and brutality. Between acts, Elephants are kept chained up like bicycles or confined to cramped pens. Tigers and Bears are stored in cages that aren't large enough for them to turn around. Forced to sit, stand and sleep in their own waste.

Elephants skin is so sensitive, they actually suffer from sunburn. When forced to perform unnatural tricks (standing on their heads), Elephants suffer extreme problems. Crushing their heads, and enduring spinal problems with the severe weight of their bodies on their skull. When an Animal weighs 5,000 to 7,000 lbs, it is not meant to be on its head or bum or even 2 legs. Its body was NOT designed to take that pressure in those positions.

At the age of 2 months Elephant Babies are cruelly treated. Being dragged around forcefully by their noses.

It is very rare that any of these animals are given desperately needed medical attention. Veterinarians do not travel with them on a usual routine.

Wild animals are potentially dangerous and perform in front of audiences with few protective measures.

In the past 2 decades, 21 people (5 of them Children) have been killed by Captive big Cats in the United States, and there have been 246 maulings and 254 escapes.

"500 people are killed by elephant attacks each year"

- - - National Geographic - - -

Elephant Trainers at the Shrine Circuses have been trained by violent and abusive staff members of Barnum and Bailey Circus.

There is an endless list of lawsuits against Barnum Bailey and Ringling Brothers for their abusive handling, and lack of medical care and needless early deaths of their captive prisoners (animals).

"Hooking, and Hitting. I saw Elephants hit. I saw Elephants bleed. I saw what I call systematic daily abuse," - barn keeper Tom Rider who worked for the circus from 1997 - 1999.

Bullhooks can cause serious, permanent injuries and even death.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way ,its animals are treated" - Ghandi

When an Elephant rebels against a trainers physical dominance, trainers cannot protect themselves - let alone the public.

Even with "Side Shows" where wild animals (such as Giraffes, Bears, Elephants, Tigers) are brought in for Business Promotions, (Customer Shopping Incentives) - all it does is show a lack of respect for innocent creatures and is just a incident waiting to happen.

Bowmanville Zoo is another operation that lacks any ethics, where they are constantly trucking their helpless animals to be placed on display, in deplorable conditions.

Bowmanville Zoo has been known to perform "Tug - Of - War" Stints. Where armies of the public will band together just to pull and tug and yank and scream at a helpless Elephant, just because it is large. It is used against its will for the SPORT of human stupidity.

Is The City of Barrie going to take responsibility when the next incident occurs?

What if it is your Grandchild who is in the audience and happens to be in the Elephants path when it breaks free from the cruel, bloody whipping.

Cruelty degrades humankind.

With every single decision we make, or fail to make, we influence the world.

Many National, Regional and Local Governments have banned the use of exotic animals in circuses. So we would be far from the first.

If you enter "ANIMAL CRUELTY AT THE CRICUS" you will be exposed to 1,790,000 sites (photos and videos) of heart breaking torture of abuse that should NEVER happen. How can any human being in power allow this to continue. Lets change the laws and do what is right and protect the innocent.

I am requesting that the City of Barrie change the existing by-laws, in regards to the performing of captive dangerous wild and exotic animals who are brought to our community to do ridiculous degrading acts in the name of entertainment.

We can enact restrictions to protect animals - within the Animal Welfare Act. The City has the power to Ban Animals or Weapons.

The best way for this to happen is to put in place a "Ban" on the BULLHOOK , ELECTRIC PROD AND WHIP .

Lions, Tigers and Elephants are protected species. So why are we then allowing these gorgeous creatures to be abused daily and exploited for profit in our own City.

If these performances are allowed to continue then what does our **ANIMAL WELFARE** really stand for.

You have the power to make policy. You have the power to show the rest of Canada that Ontario really wants to make a difference. Lets walk the talk. Being environmental, "GREEN" means standing up for what is right and STOP the "wrong" that is taking place in Barrie.

These beautiful animals **do not** deserve endless confinement. Being caged - trucked for 100s of miles at a time, weekly, without a break and chained 22 hours a day. End result ... These animals are dying 30 years before their time.

**A PUBLIC CONSULTATION SHOWED THAT 94.5% OF THE PUBLIC,
SUPPORT A BAN ON ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES**

Jurisdictions that have prohibited or severely restricted performing wild animal acts:

ARGENTIA: Buenos Aires and 20 more Cities

AUSTRALIA

Western Australia: prohibitions in 14 municipal jurisdictions: Armadale, Bayswater, Cambridge, Cockburn, Denmark, Fingal, Fremantle, Kalamunda, Mosman Park, Nedlands, Peppermint Grove, South Perth, Swan, Victoria Park, Vincent.

South Australia: Tea Tree Gully

New South Wales: prohibitions in 13 municipal jurisdictions: Blue Mountains, Hornsby, Lake Macquarie, Liverpool, Lismore, Manly, Newcastle, Parramatta City, Pittwater, Randwick, Warringah, Wingecarribee Shire, Woollahra.

Queensland: Ipswich City Council, Gold Coast Council

Australian Capital Territory: the entire territory is subject to a prohibition.

AUSTRIA: Nation wide Ban

BOLIVIA: The very First country in the World to set the "Country Wide Ban"

BRAZIL: Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses passed by States of Rio de Janeiro & Pernambuco, and cities of Port Alegre, Sao Leopoldo, Cotia, Bauru, Ubatuba, Santa Maria and Sorocaba.

CANADA

British Columbia: - is the leading Canadian province with 20 municipalities banning such acts.

Burnaby, Castlegar, Chilliwack, Coquitlam (city), Cowichan, Delta (municipality), Kamloops, Kelowna, Langley (township), Maple Ridge (regional district), Nanaimo (city), Nanaimo (regional district), New Westminster (municipality), North Cowichan, North Vancouver, Parksville, Prince George, Saanich (districts), Salmon Arm, Surrey (city) Vancouver (city), Victoria.

Newfoundland: prohibitions in 2 municipal jurisdictions: City of St. John's, Mount Pearl

Nova Scotia: prohibitions in 6 municipal jurisdictions: Argyle (municipality), Bridgewater (town), Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Digby (town), Shelburne (town), Yarmouth (town)

In 1999, provincial standards for exhibiting circus animals in Nova Scotia were adopted

Ontario: prohibition in Town of Cobourg, and Sault Ste. Marie, while Kingston is pending

Quebec: prohibitions in 2 municipal jurisdictions: Mont Royal, St. Laurent

CHILE: Santiago

COLUMBIA: Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses passed by cities of Bogota and Dos Quebradas.

COSTA RICA: Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

CROATIA: Prohibitions in 27 municipalities: Bjelovar, Cakovec, Delnice, Donji Miholjac, Dugo Selo, Gospić, Karlovac, Klanjec, Kraljevica, Krizevci, Lepoglava, Mursko Središće, Nin, Novi Marof, Novigrad,

Ozalj, Ploce, Pozega, Prelog, Rovinj, Sisak, Split, Varazdin, Varazdinske Toplice, Velika Gorica, Vukovar, Zabok.

CZECH REPUBLIC: Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

DENMARK: Federal prohibition against exhibitions and performances of all wild animals in place since 1962

ESTONIA: Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

FINLAND: Federal prohibition against circus or similar performances since 1971

GREECE: Prohibition on wild animals in circuses in 3 municipalities: Crete, Patras, Thessaloniki. And in 30 more Towns

HUNGARY: Federal prohibition against the use of wild animals in circuses.

INDIA: The federal government issued a Notification in 1991 prohibiting the exhibition and training of five species of performing animals for entertainment: tigers, monkeys, bears, panthers and lions.

IRELAND: Prohibition in City of Belfast.

ISRAEL: Prohibition in City of Tel Aviv.

NETHERLANDS: Country wide ban

NORWAY: Federal prohibition against exhibiting all wild animals in public since 1974

PERU: Country wide ban

SINGAPORE: Federal Issued Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses and travelling shows.

SPAIN: Prohibition on the use of wild animals in circuses in Barcelona, Blanes, Catalonia, Girona, lleida, San Fernando de Henares and Tarra gona.

SWEDEN: Federal prohibition against touring and circus exhibitions since 1988

SWITZERLAND: Federal prohibition in place.

UNITED KINGDOM: Over 220 municipal or county jurisdictions have prohibited wild animals and exotic from performing animals. These include Barnsley, Blackpool, Birmingham City, Bournemouth, Cardiff (Whales), Cambridge, Coventry, Derby, Dover, Dunbarton (Scotland), Eastbourne, Exeter, Lancaster, Liverpool, Maidenhead, Nottingham, Oxford, Portsmouth, Yeomouth, York.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA: Prohibitions in the following municipalities: Encinitas, Garona, Huntington Beach, Pasadena, Rohnert Park and Santa Ana (California); Boulder and Estes Park (Colorado); Stamford (Connecticut); Hollywood and Lauderdale Lakes (Florida); Collinsville (Illinois); Takoma Park (Maryland); Braintree, Quincy and Revere (Massachusetts); Richmond (Missouri); Greenburgh and Southampton (New York); Orange County (South Carolina) Port Townsend, Redmond and Revere (Washington).

VENEZUELA: Prohibition in the City of Naguanagua

Another aspect to consider.....

In the Circus setting, tuberculosis, (TB), is a serious concern. This bacterial disease affects various species, is a common affliction of circus Elephants and is easily communicable between Elephants and humans. According to the USDA....many Circuses have a history of TB in their Elephants, and many have even used TB - positive Elephants in public performances, potentially endangering families and communities. Elephants are constantly faced to give children rides on their backs.

In more than 100 dangerous incidents since 2000, elephants have bolted from circuses in North America, run amok through streets, crashed into buildings, attacked, killed and injured unsuspected members of the public.

DANGEROUS INCIDENTS..... that happened under the "BIG TENT" were witnessed by 1,000's of horrified and terrified onlookers. Causing permanent horrible traumatic emotional damage to children and adults.

JUST TO NAME A FEW CANADIAN INCIDENTS.....

ALBERTA - April, 1997 - Shrine Circus - A spooked Elephant slapped a handler with his trunk and bit him on the head and back causing hospitalization

BRITISH COLUMBIA - Coquitam, 1994 - A tiger was caught under a hoop of fire and was burning for about half a minute while audience members watched in horror.

ONTARIO - Bowmanville, March, 2008 - A woman was posing with a 180kg Lion for a photo shoot, when it jumped up and fell on her knocking her over, breaking 4 ribs and damaging her lungs.

ONTARIO - Newmarket, 2007 - 3 Elephants escaped "Garden Brothers Circus" wandering through a residential area.

ONTARIO - Windsor, January, 2006 - A 80lb Lion cub attacks a zoo Volunteer. At "Colosanti's Tropical Gardens" in Ruthven, a Lion ripped a huge piece of flesh out of her, she was immediately hospitalized.

ONTARIO - August, 2002 - Shrine Circus - 3 "Tuberculosis" positive, Elephants were giving rides to children

ONTARIO - Canada's Wonderland, 1999 - In front of 800 guests a Lion bit 2 Trainers and had to be controlled with a fire extinguisher, during the "Lights, Cameras. and Action Show.

ONTARIO - Timmins, 1999 - An Elephant kills an Employee, when he gets kicked in the head at the Leonardo Circus.

ONTARIO - Toronto, 1993 - Toronto Zoo Keeper was gored through the abdomen by an elephant.

ONTARIO - Cambridge, June, 1992 - A performing 4,000lb Elephant at the "African Lion Safari" stepped on a 14 year old boy who was leading the female Elephant away from a Sunday show for tourists.

ONTARIO - Oshawa, 1991 - A 450 lb Tiger leapt on passerbys on 2 occasions.

ONTARIO - Mississauga, 1990 - The "Shrine Circus" was responsible for a 600 lb Tiger escaping for 10 minutes. No one was hurt, but hundreds of children and adults were terrified.

ONTARIO - Windsor, 1991 - A Circus employee was killed by an Elephant.

ONTARIO - Mississauga, 1988 - A Bear bolted into the Audience of the Moscow Circus

ONTARIO - June, 1988 - A Circus Elephant hit a man in the back with a tusk, making a large hole in his back. He man was hospitalized.

ONTARIO - Toronto, February, 1988 - An Elephant trainer's leg was broken when 6 Elephants stampeded in the arena of the "Garden Bros. Circus" at Maple Leaf Gardens. About 40 elderly and handicapped people who were sitting at ground level narrowly missed injury.

QUEBEC - July, 1996 - An Asian Elephant attacked her trainer as he was preparing to give Elephant rides at a zoo.

QUEBEC - Montreal, 1994 - A Tiger attacked an animal trainer during a "Murat Shrine Circus" performance. The Tiger grabbed the trainer by the hip, dragged her down, grabbed the leg and pulled her towards the cage. One of the Lions came off the pedestal and slapped the Trainer with his paw and sent her flying through the air. The trainer required 18 stitches.

QUEBEC - March, 1988 - A "Shrine Circus" Elephant severely injured her trainer while he led her into the Circus ring.

QUEBEC - Rock Forest - An Elephant trainer was trampled to death by an Elephant during a "Gatini Circus" performance. The Elephant went on a rampage, stepping on the trainer and not allowing any one near. Police shot the Elephant and recaptured another one who had fled during the commotion.

1978 - An Elephant accidentally killed a former wife of John Cuneo (owner of Hawthorn Corp.)

INCIDENTS IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2009 - 12 Kids were injured while waiting to board an Elephant for a ride on its back. The Elephant became spooked and knocked over the platform the children were standing on.

2005 - A trainer was killed while loading an Elephant on to a truck.

In 1992 - Officer Blayne Doyle was forced to shoot and kill an Elephant who charged out of the Great American Circus arena with 5 children and 1 adult on her back.

CALIFORNIA - Los Angeles, October, 1996 - A Zookeeper was seriously injured after being knocked down and stepped on by a 5-ton Asian Elephant during a training session.

CALIFORNIA - Los Angeles, August, 1996 - Two Elephants travelling with "Circus Vargas" died within three days of each other from Tuberculosis. Despite obvious health problems, both elephants were performing and giving rides to children right up until their death.

CALIFORNIA - Vallejo, September, 1993 - A radio disc jockey was posing for a publicity photograph atop an Elephant at Marine World Africa USA, when the animal stampeded across a crowded area, crashed through a wooden fence and threw the man onto a concrete path.

CALIFORNIA - Oakdale, April, 1990 - An Elephant giving rides at a private party was spooked and threw her passengers off her back. The Elephant began spinning and bumping into cars before she was brought under control. One passenger was dragged 40 feet before being freed.

FLORIDA - January, 2000 - Shrine Circus - 4,500lb Elephant killed a Circus employee.

FLORIDA - November, 1998 - Hadi Shrine Circus - Lion took arm off of trainer.

FLORIDA - October, 1998 - Shrine Circus - Same tiger who killed a trainer, attacked and killed his owner.

FLORIDA - Gainesville, May, 1993 - An Elephant stomped on the chest of his trainer, killing him. This incident happened at the "Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus" Elephant farm.

FLORIDA - Palm Bay, February, 1992 - A "Great American Circus" Elephant with one adult and two children on its back ran amuck, attacked bystanders and a policeman, and smashed the stands. 12 people had been injured by the time the police shot the Elephant to death.

FLORIDA - Fort Lauderdale, June, 1990 - An Elephant was startled by a passing car and fell on her handler, crushing the handler to death. The Elephant was part of the "Hanneford Family Circus" that was performing at the Thunderbird Swap Shop (flea market).

FLORIDA - An Elephant went stampeding through a parking lot with 5 children and an adult on its back.

HAWAII - Honolulu, August, 1994 - During a "Circus International" performance, the Elephant named "Tyke" killed its trainer, and seriously injured a groomer and injured 12 spectators. Escaping into the crowds and down the city streets, before being shot over 100 times in front of 100's of stunned witness's.

HAWAII - Honolulu, August, 1994 - An Elephant giving rides at "Circus International", pinned 10 people to a fence that separated the first row spectators from the Circus rings. Two people were injured.

HAWAII - Laie, August, 1994 - A father and his daughter were injured when an Elephant kicked a metal barrier at them.

ILLINOIS - Cambridge, September, 1993 - A black Bear bit a man's arm and leg after the man tried to pet the Bear. The Bear was put down after the incident.

INDIANA - March, 2009 - Murat Shrine Circus - 15 children and 1 adult were injured when an Elephant became startled

INDIANA - November, 2006 - Animal Trainer was attacked by Tiger at Hadi Shrine Circus.

INDIANA - January, 2005 - Mizpah Shrine Circus - Trainer was trampled to death by an Elephant.

INDIANA - November, 2004 - Hadi Shrine Circus - An audience member was bitten on the cheek by a Chimpanzee.

INDIANA - Indianapolis, September, 1995 - A 31 year old woman had a finger bitten off by a lion after she attempted to pet it. The Lion was owned by the "Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus".

INDIANA - Fort Wayne, February, 1995 - During the loading of six Elephants of the "Tarzan Zerbini Circus" one slipped and seriously injured a crew member, by stepping on an employee, crushing his pelvis causing hospitalization.

INDIANA - Lafayette, July, 1992 - During a "Tarzan Zerbini International Circus" show, 9 people were injured when some Elephants collided and toppled a barricade. The Elephants were being led in a circle when one stopped, causing the collision.

KANSAS - October, 1995 - A young Elephant with the "King Royal Circus" wrapped it's trunk around a 3-year old girl's neck and tried to drag her into the arena.

KANSAS - Riley County, October, 1994 - A 3 year old girl tried to feed an Elephant. It wrapped its trunk around her neck and tried to pull the girl into its enclosure. The Elephant was with the "King Royal Circus" and had been giving Elephant rides.

KANSAS - Kansas City, September, 1993 - A Circus employee lost part of an arm when a Tiger mauled her as she tried to pet it.

MICHIGAN - March, 1997 - Shrine Circus - A Bear bit off the tip of a 2 year old child's finger.

MICHIGAN - Muskegon, April, 1994 - An Elephant giving rides at a Shrine Circus, fell into the passenger loading platform, spilling riders, bending the platform and injuring 3 children injured.

MICHIGAN - Rapid City, August, 1990 - A 5 year old girl was attacked from behind by a Leopard as she was walking away from the photo booth where photos could be taken with the animal. The Leopard broke free from its restraint.

MINNESOTA - April, 1999 - Shrine Circus - Elephant caused serious injuries to a handler, resulting in hospitalization.

MINNESOTA - October, 1992 - Shrine Circus - A handler is hospitalized for a leg injury when an Elephant grabbed him with her mouth while giving rides to several children. 1 child suffered a leg injury.

MINNESOTA - Racine, 2001 - 2 year old 400 lb Siberian Tiger bit a 7 year old girl. It escaped from a cage at a Roadside Zoo. The Tiger was killed.

MONTANA - Sydney, June, 1990 - A Leopard bit a 7 year old boy in the chest while she was being taken for a walk. The owner was travelling with the "Exotica Circus".

NEVADA - Las Vegas, May, 1993 - During the feeding of 3 lions owned by the "Fercos Family" act, a keeper was attacked.

NEVADA - Reno, September, 1992 - During the "Spellbound" show at the Reno Hilton, a 15 month old Tiger attacked an illusionist after he disappeared from one cage and reappeared in another.

NEVADA - Las Vegas, March, 1991 - After a magic show at the Sahara Hotel, a Lion attacked his trainer while being returned to his cage.

NEVADA - Las Vegas, November, 1991 - During rehearsals for an upcoming show, a woman was bitten repeatedly by a Siberian Tiger. All the animals were confiscated by USDA and found to be in substandard conditions.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - Mangester, November, 1991 - A model posing for photos with a lion, suffered cuts to her head and back when the Lion bit her in the side of the head. The owner of the Lion operates T.I.G.E.R.S. Wildlife Park in Kodak, Tennessee.

NEW YORK - Queens, July, 1995 - Two Elephants from "Clyde Beatty - Cole Bros. Circus" began to fight each other. They ran out of the Circus tent, crashing into a parked car. Twelve people were injured in the ensuing panic. One of the Elephants killed a woman in 1985, and injured a man by tossing him in the air in 1983.

NEW YORK - New York City, July, 1994 - Shortly before taping of "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee", a Russian Translator was attacked by an Elephant from "The Great Moscow Circus".

NEW YORK - Fishkill, June, 1993 - A young man was crushed to death by a Circus Elephant (1 of 10 chained) after he entered the Elephant area on the "Clyde Beatty-Cole Brothers Circus" grounds. The Elephant turned its body and pinned the man to a trailer crushing him.

NEW YORK - New York City - Elephant injures a little girl and an adult.

NORTH DAKOTA - Minot, July, 1993 - The female Elephant "Tyke", ran amuck at a state fair. She trampled her trainer, breaking two of his ribs.

OKLAHOMA - Hugo, February, 1995 - A Tiger escaped from the "Carson & Barnes Circus" and was on the loose for three days.

OKLAHOMA - Elephant escapes from a circus, ran onto highway and hit by a vehicle.

OREGON - Portland, July, 1990 - During a "Circus Gatti" performance, 2 chimps went out of control, dragged their trainer into the audience and mauled a child spectator.

PENNSYLVANIA - Hanover, May, 1995 - A group of Elephants from the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus were frightened by an impatient driver's horn and caused \$20,000 damage to cars and shopping mall windows.

PENNSYLVANIA - April 1993 - Shrine Circus - 3,000 children witnessed a young child being injured when an Elephant charged out of the arena.

PENNSYLVANIA - Altoona, April, 1993 - During a performance with "Circus America", a female Elephant named "Tyke" ran amuck in a Circus tent and injured at least one child.

PENNSYLVANIA - Wilkes Barr, 1991 - A woman was bitten severely on the arm during a photo session by a Liger (Lion and Tiger) cub owned by "Klass Act" of Sandusky, Ohio.

PENNSYLVANIA - Reading, June, 1990 - During a "Great American Circus" show, an Elephant attacked a trainer and rushed into a crowd of more than 1,000 people. The Elephant was not behaving so the trainer stuck a hook in her mouth.

SOUTH CAROLINA - Columbia, 1994 - A 600 pound Tiger mauled an employee a "Taylor's Exotics".

TEXAS - 2001 - A Tiger attacked and killed a 3 year old boy who was posing for a photo with the animal.

TEXAS - Pearland, 1999 - A Tiger handler had to be hospitalized after being attacked. The Tiger was killed.

TEXAS - Von Emroy, November 1994 - A 15 month old Elephant wrapped its trunk around a 3 year old girl and tried to pull her into the arena. The Elephant was a performer for the "King Royal Circus".

UTAH - Salt Lake City, April 1994 - While 2 children were riding an Elephant, the Elephant attacked one trainer and kicked another. The first trainer received a broken arm, ribs and internal damage. The incident occurred at the "Jordan Brothers Circus".

VIRGINIA - Norfolk, February, 1993 - A Lioness mauled a Lion trainer as the man tried to break up a fight between 2 other Lions.

WISCONSIN - June 2002 - Shrine Circus - 2 Elephants bolted out of the tent injuring a child.

WYOMING - Caspar, June 1996 - While giving rides at the "Jordan World circus", an Elephant knocked down and repeatedly kicked her trainer and a child. The child was riding the Elephant, fell off and had to be sent to the Hospital. This Elephant also attacked a trainer in Salt Lake City in 1994.

2010 - April - handler of Hamid Circus dies when an Elephant kicked him, throwing him 20 feet.

MORE UNNECESSARY INCIDENTS

ASIA - 5 spooked Elephants breaking through gates, destroy the inside of a Restaurant.

AUSTRALIA - Brisbane, June 1994 - A 20 month old boy had his arm bitten off and the remaining arm badly mauled by a Tiglon (cross of male tiger and female lion) from the "Ashton's Circus".

AUSTRALIA - Sydney, June, 1992 - A Tiger bit a Circus worker after it escaped from its cage and was shot to death as it approached a busy shopping centre.

AUSTRIA - Vienna, August 1996 - A Bear from the "Golden Globe Circus" escaped during an unloading. During the escape, the Bear injured its keeper and a security guard. Rampaged through a housing estate and biting a passer-by.

BELGIUM - Eupen, May, 1991 - A Lion killed its trainer during a performance at the "Kessler Bro. Circus". The trainer's head was entirely inside the Lion's mouth and suffocated to death.

BRAZIL - Sao Paulo, April 2000 - 5 Lions used in a Circus ate a 6 year old boy after one dragged him away from his father and into the cage inside a tent full of spectators. Police then wounded 2 people with bullet fragments as they sprayed the top of the cage with machine gun fire to scare the Lions off the boys body. 4 Lions were killed in the incident.

BRAZIL - Sao Paulo, July 1996 - A Siberian Bear escaped from a Circus and rampaged through the busy streets. The Bear was about to practice her bicycle routine when she was frightened by a Lion's roar.

CHILE - Iquique, June 1996 - A Circus Elephant struck a 10-year old boy with its trunk. The boy died later in the Hospital from multiple skull traumas. The Elephant became agitated after the boy wandered up to the cage.

CHINA - Shenzhen, November, 1995 - A circus hand attempted to stroke the Tiger with his foot. The Tiger fatally mauled the man.

DENMARK - Nyborg, July, 1994 - An Elephant attacked her trainer and trampled members of the audience at "Circus Benneweis". It then ran amuck through the town's harbour area.

EGYPT - Cairo, December, 1995 - An Elephant at the Cairo Zoo, that gave rides to children, trampled her keeper to death. At the time of the attack, the elephant was being fed when she picked the keeper up with her trunk, threw him on the ground and stepped on him.

FRANCE - December, 1992 - A Tiger from the "Parade Circus" attacked the trainer during a performance. The Trainer received several lacerations on his legs and was hospitalized. **ONTARIO** - Oshawa, 1991 - A 450 lb Tiger leapt on passerby on 2 occasions.

INDIA - New Delhi, September, 1994 - After refusing to obey her trainer, a Tiger jumped out of the Circus ring and mauled a 6 year old boy who was sitting in the front row with his father. The boy died later in Hospital.

INDIA - New Delhi, September, 1992 - A Tiger jumped out of a Circus ring and fatally mauled a 6 year old boy. The boy was sitting in the front row with his father when the Tiger refused to obey his trainer and pounced on the boy.

ITALY - Rome, 1996 - An Elephant in the Tongi Circus killed its trainer.

MEXICO - Mexico City, June 1992 - A Lion leaped into the bleachers at the "Sir Americano Circus" and killed a 7 year old boy. The Lion was shot dead as it closed its jaws on the child's head.

MEXICO - Bus driver dies when it crashes into an Elephant that escaped from Mexico's Circus.

INDIA - Mysore City - An Elephant charged into the streets escaping his handlers. Killing 1 man, injuring several more, damaging a dozen cars, and taking 5 hours to get close enough to tranquilize him.

INDONESIA - Jakarta, Sumatra, March 1994 - An Elephant at the Surabaya Zoo went on a rampage during the celebration of a Moslem Holiday. The Elephant was carrying a family of 3 when he threw them off, trampled them and ran through the zoo. At least 10 people were injured.

ITALY - Torre Annunziata, December, 1990 - An animal trainer from the "Italian Amusement Park" was killed when the Leopard she was feeding bit her and dragged her into his cage. She died from head and neck wounds. Police shot and killed the animal.

POLAND - 2000 - An escaped Tiger travelling with a Circus attacked a Veterinarian before being gunned down by Police after a 2 hour chase through the Streets. A bullet meant for the Tiger also killed the Veterinarian.

RUSSIA - A Bear killed 1 audience member and injured another.

RUSSIA - Moscow, December, 1995 - A "Moscow Circus" Bear mauled an audience member after its trainer opened its cage.

RUSSIA - Moscow, December, 1992 - A Circus Bear broke out of her cage and mauled 2 women. The women were left in critical condition.

SPAIN - Pliego, February, 1993 - An Elephant leading a parade injured her trainer by driving her tusk into the handler's back.

SRI LANKA - Colombo, June 1996 - An Elephant killed his trainer at the National Zoological Gardens. The Elephant was being led to a performance by the trainer when he grabbed the man with his trunk and smashed him against a pole.

THAILAND - Bangkok, February 1996 - An Elephant attacked and killed his owner and ruined several houses. Officials sprayed the Elephant with hundreds of bullets before they were able to kill him.

THAILAND - Bangkok, March, 1995 - An Elephant with a Circus that was visiting a zoo trampled two men to death before being shot and killed. The Elephant had to be killed when chloroform bullets failed to stop him charging the crowd.

THAILAND - Bangkok, March, 1995 - A female Elephant from the "Jockey Circus" trampled the owner and owner's son to death. The incident occurred before a show at an Elementary School. Later, the Elephant was shot to death.

THAILAND - Bangkok, April, 1991 - An Elephant, spooked by the flashbulb of a camera, trampled an American tourist to death.

Each single event ended with the EXECUTION of the tormented animal.

MARK TWAIN - said.....Of all the creatures ever made - MAN is the most detestable... He is the only creature that inflicts pain for sport, knowing it to be pain.

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