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Wild animals in circuses

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me regarding the issue of wild animals in circuses.

Like so many people I find it shocking that the practice of using wild animals in circuses is still happening in the UK today. Circuses are wholly unsuitable environments for wild animals and it is no surprise that repeated studies have shown that circus life is likely to have a harmful effect on the welfare of so many species.

An increasing number of countries have now introduced bans on the use of wild animals in circuses, leaving the UK lagging behind on this important issues of animal welfare. A total ban of the use of wild animals in circuses is long overdue. A Labour Government would ban wild animals in circuses and we will continue to support measures brought to Parliament that would deliver a ban in England as soon as possible.

Thanks again to all those who have contacted me about the issue of wild animals in circuses.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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