

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO EXHIBITION OF EXOTIC ANIMALS IN
CIRCUSES AND EXHIBITION OF CETACEANS IN NEW
SOUTH WALES**

Organisation: Janlin Circuses Pty Ltd, representing Stardust Circus and Lennon Bros Circus

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Trading as Stardust Circus

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Att Merrin Thompson

The animals travelling with our Stardust Circus are

- 6 Lions The Lions ages range from 5 years to 7 years old
- 4 Monkeys The Monkeys ages range from 12 years to 27 years old
- 12 Ponies
- 3 Goats
- 2 Pigs

These animals were all born and bred in Australia.

They are all well fed and looked after, the monkey cages are heated in the winter months

The Lions have Reverse Cycle Air Conditioning in their night quarters which they have access to 24 hours a day and are most likely the only lions in Australia to have this

The lions don't seem to mind the travelling and they enjoy the change in location each time as we move to a new site every 2-3 weeks

The lions have interaction with the trainer who goes into their yard every day and they respond to the trainer kicking the ball around with them in the morning and late evening as they are from the cat family and sleep up to 20 hours every day

The monkeys have a swing inside their night quarters as well as in the exercise enclosure yard which is attached to the night quarters

The circus comes under a strict Code of Practice for Animals in Circuses and Stardust Circus has been given an A rating 18 months ago when we were inspected by the DPI Exhibited Animals department

Stardust Circus was the first Circus to install outside enclosures for the lions as well as the monkeys in 1993, the DPI took note and made it compulsory for all circuses to have outside enclosures for the monkeys and the Lions

Stardust Circus changed the way lions were trained in Australia by training to eat from the palm of the trainers hand and in a friendly manner with no whips or chairs held by the trainers as was often the way in the old days of training

Stardust Circus is a family show with 24 family members and they have the show at heart and are all animal lovers.

The animals are our priority with welfare etc

Our Family had already decided 2 years ago that we wouldn't breed any more lions and when these are ready to retire we have already organised the place they will go to which is the Zambie Wildlife Retreat at Wallacia as we have already donated a reasonable amount to have a beautiful enclosure built which at this moment is housing the old lions from our Lennon Bros Circus and in 7-8 years those lions would have passed away and our Stardust Circus Lions will go into that enclosure, until then we are prepared to keep them in their current circus enclosure

As Stardust is the only circus now operating with exotics and we comply with all the rules and regulations and even exceed some dimensions 99% of the time

They are all Happy Healthy Animals

Regards Jan Lennon