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

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ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES are part of our Australian heritage and circus tradition.

In all my 30 years working in the industry AND working with/training exotic and domesticated animals it has been a great pleasure to see the excitement generated in the eyes of children and adults alike when a traditional circus [with animals] came to town. Many of these children [particularly those in the outback/regional areas] would NEVER have seen ANY of these animals if the circus hadn't come to town.

I have worked with several generations of the BULLEN; ASHTON;PERRY;SOLE BROS;and LENNON circus families and have seen their dedication and love for their animals AND the welfare of those animals. They become part of the circus "family" ...

Please don't let this tradition DISAPPEAR into oblivion because a few naysayers [who have never worked with animals AT ALL in most cases] dictate our lives and livelihoods ... to those who HAVE !!!