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2013
CELEBRATING
250 YEARS OF
ZERBINI CIRCUS HISTORY

- Tarzan Zerbini Circus
- Shrine Circus
- Royal Canadian Circus

- TZ Productions / Royal Canadian Circus
- Cirque Mondo / Super Spring Break Circus
- MTS Centre
- Feld Entertainment/Ringling Bros Circus
- Bowmanville Zoo
- Outdoor Amusement Business Assoc

- Misinformation
- Questionable Allegations
- Questionable Studies
- Canada’s Charter of Rights and Freedoms

“The rational to support a ban on the use of exotic animals is travelling zoos, exhibits or circuses in Winnipeg is based on concern for animal health and welfare as well as public safety”

Allegations

Three Cases

Toronto (early 1990s)

Windsor (2003)

Newmarket (2009)

Public Safety

Judge stated that the materials provided by animal rights groups were found to be largely…

“unreliable, unverified and inflammatory”

27 Old Bans

Most bans were passed in small towns that circuses had no interest in performing in.

Plus no bans have been passed since the three cases based on Charter of Rights.

99.5%

Bans in 27 municipalities

No bans in 5,600 municipalities

Regulations

Innovations

Breeding

Natural Behaviors

Key Points

There is no justification to deny credible exhibitors the right to perform with exotics.

Key Points

30,000 happy patrons visit the animal circuses in Winnipeg each year.

They return because they see the quality of animal care.

Key Points

It’s the municipality’s responsibility to conduct proper independent studies and verify claims of abuse or misconduct.

Key Points

Three major Superior Court decisions have declared similar bans unconstitutional.

Key Points

If Winnipeg passes the by-law as-is it will undoubtedly be challenged.

How much will this cost the taxpayers?

Options