

Bans on Exotic Animals Worldwide*

EUROPE

Austria:

Nationwide ban on the use of wild animals in circuses.

Bosnia and Herzegovina:

Nationwide ban on all animals in circuses.

Croatia:

Nationwide ban on the use of wild animals in circuses.

Czech Republic:

Nationwide ban on the use of certain species in circuses.

Denmark:

Nationwide ban on the use of certain species in circuses.

Estonia:

Nationwide ban on the use of wild-born animals in circuses.

Finland:

Nationwide ban on the use of certain species in circuses.

Greece:

Nationwide ban on all animals in circuses

Hungary:

Nationwide ban on the use of wild caught animals in circuses, the purchase and training of elephants and primates for circus performances and the purchase, training and use of CITES (Appendix 1) listed species in circuses.

Ireland:

Local bans on the use of animals in circuses in Cork, Fingal and Wicklow.

Poland:

Nationwide ban on the use of wild-born animals in circuses.

Portugal:

Nationwide ban restricting the use of great apes in circuses and the acquisition and breeding of CITES listed species.

Spain:

Local bans on the use of wild animals in circuses in several towns including Barcelona.

Sweden:

Nationwide ban on the use of certain species in circuses.

UK:

Over 200 local authorities have bans on animal circuses (more than two thirds of these ban all performing animals, the remainder ban just wild animals). A Government commitment to ban the use of wild animals in circuses - this is yet to be enacted.

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina:

Local bans on the use of wild animals in circuses in over 20 cities including a ban in the city of Buenos Aires.

Bolivia:

Nationwide ban on the use of wild and domestic animals in circuses.

Brazil:

Local bans on the use of wild and domestic animals in circuses in the districts of Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Pernambuco, Paraíba, Rio Grande do Sul, Espiritu Santo, Mato Grosso do Sul, Alagoas and a number of bans in cities within another four Brazilian states.

Chile:

Local bans on the use of wild and domestic animals in circuses in the city of Santiago.

Colombia:

Local ban on the use of animals in circuses in the capital, Bogota.

Costa Rica:

Nationwide ban on the use of wild animals in circuses.

Paraguay:

Nationwide ban on the use of wild animals in circuses.

Peru:

Nationwide ban on the use of wild animals in circuses as well as a local ban on all animals in Magdalena del Mar.

AUSTRALIA

Local bans on the use of animals in circuses in several towns including Parramata and Lismore.

ASIA

India:

Nationwide ban on the use of certain species in circuses.

Israel:

Nationwide ban on the use of wild animals in circuses.

Singapore:

Nationwide ban on the use of wild animals in circuses.

Taiwan:

Nationwide prohibition on the import or export of protected species.

NORTH AMERICA

Canada:

Local bans on the use of animals in circuses in 27 municipal jurisdictions including Vancouver.

USA:

Partial or full bans on contact with exotic animals, bull hooks, or circus animals in municipalities in the US.

Bans or restrictions on the use of wild animals in circuses, including (*where noted*) bans on the use of bullhooks or other implements that can cause pain, exist in many cities in the USA. Cities listed below with no special notation ban wild/exotic animal displays.

There are currently no national or statewide bans on the *use* of exotic or wild animals circuses in the United States. Several states ban public contact with specified wild animals. Some of these bans are by legislation, and some come through agency regulation.

Arizona

State: *Ban on public contact*

Arkansas

City: Sherwood

California

County: Los Angeles County Fair (*bans elephant rides*); Marin County (*regulates animal acts*);

Orange County Fair (*bans elephant rides*)

Cities: Corona; Encinitas; Huntington Beach; Irvine; Newport Beach (*by mayoral proclamation*); Pasadena; Rohnert Park; Santa Ana

Colorado

City: Boulder

Connecticut

City: Stamford

Delaware

State: *Ban on public contact (however, contact with elephants allowed)*

Florida

City: Clearwater; Hollywood; Lauderdale Lakes; Margate (*bullhook ban*); Pompano Beach (*bans animal displays on City property except for educational purposes; bans bullhooks citywide*); Tallahassee (*bullhook ban*); Weston

Georgia

State: *Ban on public contact*

County: Fulton County (*bullhook ban; excludes Atlanta*)

Hawaii

County: Maui County

Illinois

City: Collinsville; Peoria (*ban on public contact*); Waukegan (*ban on public contact*)

Indiana

City: St. John (*bans performing animal exhibitions*); Fort Wayne (*bans bullhooks/instruments of pain*)

Kansas

County: Douglas County

Kentucky

State: *Ban on elephant rides (by regulation)*

County: Jefferson County (*bullhook ban*)

Maryland

City: Baltimore (*not enforced*); Takoma Park

Maine

State: *Ban on public contact (except elephant rides)*

Massachusetts

State: *Ban on public contact (contact with elephants allowed)*

City: Braintree; Provincetown (*by nonbinding resolution*); Quincy; Revere; Somerville; Weymouth

Mississippi

State: *Ban on public contact (contact with elephants allowed)*

Missouri

City: Richmond

New Jersey

State: *Ban on public contact (elephant rides banned only if the elephant has history of injuring people)*

New York

State: *Ban on public contact with elephants (per permit requirement of N.Y. Dept. of Environmental Protection)*

City: Greenburgh; Southampton; Wallkill

North Carolina

County: Orange County

City: Chapel Hill

Ohio

State: *Bans use of bullhooks (not enforced)*

Pennsylvania

State: *Ban on public contact (contact with elephants and chimpanzees allowed)*

South Carolina

County: Aiken County (*bullhook ban*)

City: Chester

Tennessee

State: *Ban on public contact (contact with elephants and big cats that are under three months of age allowed)*

Texas

City: Simonton

Vermont

City: Burlington

Virginia

County: Fairfax County (*bans contact between people and exhibited exotic animals; elephants used for rides are exempted*); Spotsylvania

County (*bans contact between people and exhibited exotic animals*)

City: Fairfax (*regulates public display of animals*)

Washington

City: Port Townsend; Redmond

Wisconsin

City: Green Bay

County: Dane County - Madison (*bans elephants in entertainment and use of cougars and bears*)

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