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1. Purpose

To outline that Council will not support circuses or other events with caged or restrained wild/exotic animals to be located or perform on Council owned or managed land.

2. Scope

This policy applies to Council, its employees, and all events conducted on land owned or managed by the Surf Coast Shire.

3. Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, the definition of an event is:

“Any planned activity where any structure (permanent or temporary), open area, road way, fenced or unfenced will contain a number of persons greater than that normally found in that area or location at one time. This activity may affect the location surrounding the area prior to, during or after the event.”

(Event Management: Planning Guide for Event Managers in Victoria, 2002).

For the purpose of this policy, the definition of a wild or exotic animal is:

- *Any non-domesticated animal.*

4. Policy

Council will not allow circuses or events to be hosted or perform on Council owned or managed land where that circus or event includes caged or restrained wild/exotic animals.

This policy will be implemented via advising circuses of the policy and advising applicants at the time of a booking enquiry that the policy prevents the use of Council owned or managed land from hosting circuses and events with caged or restrained wild/exotic animals.

5. References

RSPCA campaign on circus animals.