

Local Restrictions Governing Traveling Shows and Circuses in the U.S. and Canada (*as of February 2017*)

United States

Arkansas

- Eureka Springs - Bans wild or exotic animal displays.

California

- Corona - Bans wild or exotic animal displays.
- Encinitas - Bans wild or exotic animal displays.
- Huntington Beach - Bans display of exotic animals.
- Los Angeles - Bans the use of bullhooks on elephants.
- Marin County - Regulates animal acts.
- Newport Beach - Proclamation from Mayor that city will not display wild or exotic animals for entertainment.
- Oakland - Bans the use of bullhooks on elephants.
- Pasadena - Bans display of wild or exotic animals and rodeos on city property; restricts displays of domestic animals.
- Rohnert Park - Bans wild or exotic animal displays.
- San Francisco - Bans all exotic animals from performing in the city, including motion pictures.
- Santa Ana - Bans wild or exotic animal displays.
- West Hollywood - Full ban on use of wild and exotic animals in entertainment.

Colorado

- Boulder - Bans display of exotic animals.

Connecticut

- Stamford - Bans carnivals, circuses, and wild west shows.

Florida

- Hallandale Beach - Bans the use of bullhooks on elephants.
- Hollywood - Bans animal displays.
- Lauderdale Lakes - Bans exhibition of wild and exotic animals.

- Margate - Bans the use of bullhooks on elephants.
- Miami Beach - Bans the use of bullhooks on elephants.
- Pompano Beach - Bans animal displays on City property except for educational purposes; regulates display of animals on private property.

Georgia

- Fulton County - Bans the use of bullhooks and any device or instrument that inflicts pain on, or is likely to cause injury to, an elephant.
- Union City - Bans the use of bullhooks on elephants.

Hawaii

- Maui County - Bans the display of cetaceans (whales and dolphins).

Idaho

- Ketchum City Council - Bans the use of traveling non-domestic and exotic animals from performing.

Indiana

- St. John - Bans performing animal exhibitions.
- Blaine County - Bans the display of certain exotic and non-domestic animals county-wide.
- Bloomington - Prohibits animal exhibitions or circus in which animals are induced to perform through the use of chemical, mechanical, electrical, or manual devices in a manner that is likely to cause physical injury or suffering.

Maryland

- Beech Grove - Prohibits the use of chemical, electrical or mechanical devices on performing animals.
- Takoma Park - Bans animal displays.

Massachusetts

- Braintree - Town meeting members voted not to allow displays of non-domesticated animals for entertainment.
- Pittsfield - Bans display of non-domesticated animals for public entertainment in circuses, carnivals, traveling events, or other similar events.
- Provincetown - Bans the display of wild animals for entertainment.
- Quincy - Bans the use of wild animals in circuses, carnivals, and competitive events.
- Revere - Bans the display of wild animals for entertainment.
- Somerville - Bans the display of exotic animals in circuses, carnivals or any other public spectacle.

- Weymouth - Bans circuses with animal acts.

Missouri

- Richmond - Bans wild or exotic animal displays.

Montana

- Missoula - Ordinance bans the use wild and exotic animals in shows and non-educational displays.

New Jersey

- Bergen County - Bans circuses and other exotic animal shows on county property.
- Jersey City - Bans traveling performances of exotic animals.
- Passaic County - Bans traveling shows that feature performances by wild or exotic animals on county property.

New York

- Greenburgh - Bans wild or exotic animals from circuses; prohibits all rodeos on town property; bans exotic and wild animal species from "parades, carnivals, races, rides, public shows, trade shows, photo opportunities, or similar undertakings in which animals perform tricks, fight or participate in performances for amusement."
- New York City - Bans use of exotic animals in circuses.
- Plattsburgh - Bans circuses or other traveling shows that use captive animals and prohibits the use of city facilities for captive-animal performances.
- Southampton - Bans wild or exotic animal displays.
- Wallkill - Bans public contact with exotic cats and bears.

North Carolina

- Chapel Hill - Prohibits the display of wild and exotic animals.
- Orange County - Bans the display of wild or exotic animals.
- Asheville - The municipal venue that hosts circuses can no longer book any promoters "who have wild or exotic performing animals."

Oregon

- Clatsop County - bans bullhooks, whips, and electric prods; items used to make exotic animals perform.

Rhode Island

- Statewide - Prohibits use of bullhook or other weapon designed to inflict pain on an elephant in a traveling show.

Texas

- Austin - city prohibits the use of painful devices on circus animals, such as bullhooks, pitchforks, and baseball bats.

Vermont

- Burlington - Bans the display of wild or exotic animals.

Virginia

- Fairfax - Regulates public display of animals.
- Richmond - Bans the use of bullhooks on elephants.
- Spotsylvania County - Bans physical contact between people and exhibited exotic animals.

Washington

- Redmond - Bans wild or exotic animal displays.
- Port Townsend – Bans the display of wild or exotic animals.

Wisconsin

- Madison - Bans public displays of cougars and bears. Also bans elephants at the Alliant Energy Center of Dane County.

Canada

British Columbia

The below have prohibited or severely restricted performing wild animal acts in the following municipal jurisdictions:

- Burnaby
- Castlegar
- Chilliwack
- Coquitlam (city)
- Cowichan
- Delta (municipality)
- Kamloops
- Kelowna
- Langley (township)
- Maple Ridge (regional district)
- Nanaimo (city)
- Nanaimo (regional district)
- New Westminster (municipality)

- North Cowichan
- North Vancouver
- Parksville
- Prince George
- Saanich (districts)
- Salmon Arm
- Surrey (city)
- Vancouver (city)
- Victoria

Newfoundland

The below have prohibited or severely restricted performing wild animal acts in the following municipal jurisdictions:

- City of St. John's
- Mount Pearl

Nova Scotia

In 1999, provincial standards for exhibiting circus animals in Nova Scotia were adopted. Circuses may not hold primate, bear, pinniped, cetacean, amphibian or fish species, and must adhere to specified standards for other species. The below have prohibited or severely restricted performing wild animal acts in the following municipal jurisdictions:

- Argyle (municipality)
- Bridgewater (town)
- Cape Breton Regional Municipality
- Digby (town)
- Shelburne (town)
- Yarmouth (town)

Ontario

The below have prohibited or severely restricted performing wild animal acts in the following municipal jurisdictions:

- Town of Cobourg

Quebec

The below have prohibited or severely restricted performing wild animal acts in the following municipal jurisdictions:

- Mont Royal
- St. Laurent