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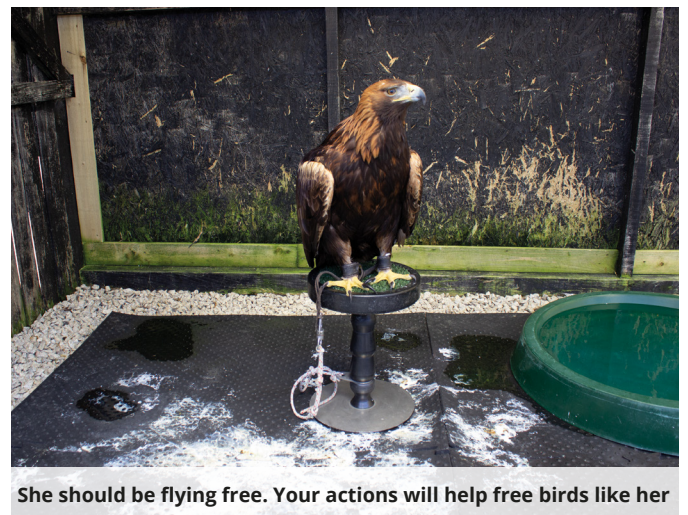
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Tied down against his will, unable to fly



She should be flying free. Your actions will help free birds like her

EXPOSED: Birds tied down, manipulated and starved in UK bird of prey centres

NEW undercover investigation exposes CRUEL bird of prey industry

- 10 birds of prey centres now under investigation by authorities
- Zoos found NOT licensed under the Zoo Licensing Act now face scrutiny
- DEFRA holding review of zoo laws
- DO MORE: Take action TODAY to end cruel tethering

Owls, falcons and hawks, pulling frantically at the leashes tied around their legs. Held down

to the ground by tethers, to be put on display for humans. Many living in cramped, barren enclosures without clean water. Some going without food, to make them so hungry they comply to human commands.

Shockingly, thousands of birds are victims of these cruel practices. And we have revealed that it is going on at bird of prey centres across the UK.

With your help we have blown the cover on this cruel, outdated industry. And with your help we will free these birds from suffering.

Our undercover footage has been viewed by thousands, showing the awful conditions these birds are forced to endure. Just like you, other animal activists have been outraged by the findings AND so too has the public. This is a fantastic beginning to a new campaign that speaks out for these often-overlooked animals.

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UPDATE: We have reported the findings of our investigation to DEFRA and all the local authorities responsible for these centres. As a result, 10 centres are under investigation. And three zoos which did not hold a zoo licence have now been made to get one, meaning they have been inspected, must make improvements and face greater scrutiny.

We are shining a spotlight on one of the most cruel practices ‘tethering’ - **where birds are tied down by their legs for hours, some even days on end, completely unable to fly.** It is awful that this is allowed to continue when it causes great suffering. We would never accept such treatment for any other animal.

This is why, with your help, we are fighting to end this cruel practice. Of course, just like you, we want all birds to be completely free, but ending tethering is an important step in putting pressure on this horrific industry.

Hundreds of people have already taken action demanding DEFRA ban tethering. Will you join them?



TAKE ACTION!

Please contact DEFRA to demand they ban the cruel practice of tethering:

Zac Goldsmith
Minister for Animal Welfare
DEFRA, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London,
SW1P 3JR

zac@zacgoldsmith.com
[@ZacGoldsmith](https://twitter.com/ZacGoldsmith) (Twitter)





England circus ban is official! And Wales to follow

- It's official! Wild animals will no longer be exploited in travelling circuses from January 2020 in England
- Wales will ban in 2020 - but we need you to take action

We are overjoyed to say that the ban in England is now official! As of next January, circuses in England will no longer be able to use wild animals! **You have achieved this through your actions for animals, thank you so much... and soon you will have success in Wales too!**

Wales have now committed to banning wild animal circuses too and are busy preparing their legislation. We were invited to give feedback on the draft legislation. Thanks to you were able to respond with our evidence, calling for the law to be as strict as possible to protect animals.

Frustratingly, the proposed ban won't come into force until the 1st December 2020, meaning wild animals will be forced to tour a whole year more in Wales. **This is far too long for the animals. They can't face another year in the big top.**



TAKE ACTION!

We must demand the Welsh ban comes into force in early 2020!

Email the Environment Minister
Correspondence.Lesley.Griffiths@gov.wales

If you are resident in Wales contact your Assembly Member too!



Your support fuels action on the ground

Thanks to your donations, thousands of leaflets and posters have been sent out to groups protesting across the UK.

Throughout the year circuses, zoos, aquariums, camel parades and mobile zoos have been protested by dedicated activists just like you. Each protest puts pressure on companies, turns away their customers, educates the public and, importantly, speaks out for animals.

Thank you for making this possible!



Through your actions, you will make this trade illegal

Primate pet trade to be banned?

The banning of primates as pets has caught the attention of two major political parties. After Labour stated they would ban primates as pets in their latest manifesto, in response the Government's Animal Welfare Minister stated he had instructed DEFRA to carry out a review on how to bring in a ban. Just days later Mr Goldsmith spoke at a parliamentary reception on animal welfare, stating again his commitment to banning the trade.

But can you help make sure these words turn into action?

Primates suffer immensely when denied the opportunity to live in their natural homes, with their families and they thrive without human intervention. **Often they are kept in bird cages or garden sheds. Can you imagine the suffering of a wild monkey, living in a cramped bird cage?**

Damage caused to primates kept as pets is not just physical, but emotional and psychological. Sometimes that damage cannot be undone, even after years of rehabilitation.

That is why, with your help, we have been campaigning to BAN this cruel trade.



TAKE ACTION!

ACTION 1:

Tweet the Animal Welfare Minister, Zac Goldsmith, asking that the Government BAN the primate pet trade! [@ZacGoldsmith](https://twitter.com/ZacGoldsmith)

ACTION 2:

Email him zac@zacgoldsmith.com

Your gift to animals could be matched!

Save the date! 3rd-10th December 2019

We are delighted to announce that between the 3rd and 10th of December we will be running an exciting **match-funding campaign** to raise vital funds to help thousands of animals suffering in mobile zoos.

This means that every donation you make during this time could be **DOUBLED** by match-funds. **Your one gift to the animals could have TWICE the impact!**

So make sure to visit www.freedomforanimals.org.uk/christmas2019 between the 3rd and 10th December to find out more about how your gift will help animals in desperate need - and to make your donation!

Together, we can make sure that thousands of animals in mobile zoos are finally given the protection they so deserve, but have been denied for far too long. Thank you.

African elephants will no longer be taken from the wild for zoos

International vote on near-total ban will protect elephants from cruel captivity

In August, parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) decided to tighten the rules on the capture and export of wild African elephants, after days of debate.

The aim of the vote was to protect elephants from being removed from their natural habitat and to protect their welfare. Many organisations have grown increasingly against the captivity of elephants, and sceptical of the conservation claims of zoos.

Now elephants will be more widely protected! **This is yet another sign of the growing unease**



of having wild animals in captivity - an ethical position you have pushed so strongly for so long.

The agreement doesn't protect all elephants from capture - some will still be allowed to be caught to be used in "in-situ conservation programmes or secure areas in the wild", but it means mass shipments of elephants to zoos won't happen anymore.

Hopefully this is just the beginning and we will soon see future actions for other species who are still being caught for the zoo trade.



Thanks to you, we are ready to fight for their freedom

Festive exploitation season is upon us - but thanks to you we are ready!

Thanks to you and our other kind supporters, animals exploited in festive events have the strongest campaign fighting for them than ever before. **Your donations have meant we can ramp up our campaign for their freedom this year**, with a dedicated Campaigner, powerful campaign materials and many hard-hitting actions planned. We are also working closely with animal protection organisation, Animal Aid in a bid to do the most we can for animals in need this festive season.

You can further more action for animals this year, by reporting an event near you or holding a protest! Get in touch with festiveevents@freedomforanimals.org.uk or call us!

Mobile zoos to face greater scrutiny in Wales - thanks to you!

Thanks to your efforts, mobile zoos are finally getting the urgent attention they need in Wales. The Welsh Government has been working on a new law to regulate animal exhibits such as mobile zoos, falconry displays and animals used in festive events.

The Government used the data we had collected on the number of mobile zoos and the number of animals exploited. We are the only organisation to have carried out this research to show how many animals are suffering in mobile zoos. **And it is only thanks to you that we were able to carry out this research.**

The Government invited us to a meeting with them and now they have invited us to respond to a public consultation and, thanks to you, we are in the process of preparing an in-depth response with our legal advisor.

Last year, legislation came into force in England forcing mobile zoos to be licenced.



Treated like objects: we must stop this

Whilst we want to see them banned just as animal circuses will soon be, we were pleased to see this recognition that animals in mobile zoos need protection. We will use this law and the inspection process as a tool for exposing animal cruelty, just like we do with zoos.



TAKE ACTION!

The Welsh consultation is open to all so you can take part! Visit <https://gov.wales/animal-exhibits> or get in touch and we can send you a paper copy.

The gift that keeps on giving

It may not be something we like to think about and it may be a long way off yet, but what a comfort to know that, even after we are gone, work to uphold our passions and protect the things we care about so dearly can go on.

That's the beauty of leaving a gift in your Will.

By leaving a gift in your Will, however big or small, you will be making sure that the

fight for animal freedom can continue, for as long as it needs to. So, when it comes time to think about it, as well as ensuring your loved ones are cared for you might wish to consider leaving a gift in your Will to Freedom for Animals.

If this is something you would like to know more about, please do get in touch by emailing Nicola at nicola@freedomforanimals.org.uk, giving us a call on 0845 330 3911, or sending us a letter at PO Box 591, Manchester, M12 0DP. We always recommend that you also speak to a solicitor.

A word from our Campaigns Director

Goodbye to Maddy



Our charity has always been made up of a small core team, supported by our amazing network of supporters. So when one of our long term staff members leaves us, it is always a significant and emotional time.

I am sad, yet happy to tell you that Campaigns Officer, Maddy Taylor, has left the charity to go back to university! You will have interacted with Maddy at some point, who has worked at the organisation for over 10 years. During that time she has been a volunteer, covered our finance processes, fundraising AND campaigns, showing what a vital member of the team she was. Here is a little message from Maddy:

“Thank you to everyone who has supported Freedom for Animals, or CAPS as it was known, to help animals. It has been a rollercoaster 10 years for me, and I have been really happy to share some of that with you. It is nice to go out on a high, when we are seeing bans on wild animals in circuses coming into force across the UK. This has been such a long time coming and it feels amazing to finally celebrate this for animals. Keep on fighting for animal freedom!”

We are sad to let Maddy go but wish her the best of luck in her future.

For the animals,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola O'Brien'.

Nicola O'Brien

Join Team Freedom and raise funds for animals!

Have you ever held a fundraising event for Freedom for Animals? Or perhaps you have thought about it, but didn't know where to start?

Well, now we've made it easier than ever! We've put together a handy Fundraising Pack with hundreds of ideas and all the information you could ever need. From abseils to auctions, bake sales to bicycle rides, car washing to coffee mornings, there's something for everyone. **And every single penny you raise will make a HUGE difference for animals in need.**

And when you decide to raise funds for animals, you become part of the amazing #TeamFreedom!

Visit our website at www.freedomforanimals.org.uk/fundraising-ideas and download your Fundraising Pack today, or give us a ring on 0845 330 3911 and we can pop one in the post!

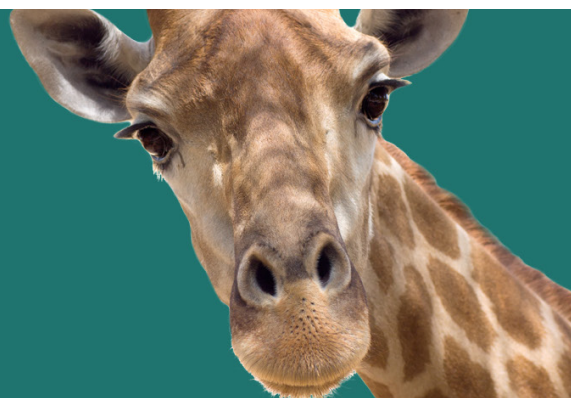
Go #TeamFreedom!





YES I want to become a Freedom Champion

Become a **Freedom Champion** for animals, by setting up a monthly donation today.



Set up a hassle-free, monthly direct debit on our website:
www.freedomforanimals.org.uk/freedomchampion

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Instructions to bank:

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Bank address: _____

I want to donate £ _____ a month to Freedom for Animals. Please take from my account on _____ of the month until _____

Sort Code: - -

Account number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: / /

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Are you a UK taxpayer?

YES, I am a taxpayer and would like **Freedom for Animals** to reclaim tax on all my donations until I inform them otherwise.

Signature: _____

Date: / /

Gift Aid:

In order to qualify for Gift Aid you need to pay the same amount or more of UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax as all charities and CASCs will claim on donations in a tax year. You are responsible to pay any difference. Please let us know if your details change or you are no longer eligible.

Please return form to **Freedom for Animals, PO Box 591, Manchester, M12 0DP**, using the envelope provided.

Donate by phone 0845 330 3911 or online www.freedomforanimals.org.uk/donate **Thank you**



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