## East Lothian Council



## PERFORMING ANIMALS (REGULATION) ACT 1925

## PERFORMING ANIMALS REGISTRATION

## **CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION**

- 1. No person shall exhibit or train any performing animal unless he is registered in accordance with this Act.
- 2. For the purposes of this Act:
  - a) The expression "animal" does not include invertebrates.
  - b) The expression "exhibit" means exhibit at any entertainment to which the public are admitted, whether on payment of money or otherwise, and the expression "train" means train for the purpose of any such exhibition, and the expressions "exhibitor" and "trainer" have respectively the corresponding meanings.
- 3. As a condition of lease, the Council will not permit on Council land any circuses or other activities which include performing acts by captive wild animals.
- 4. Council staff will monitor performing animal acts on private land and will use their statutory powers where it is found that the health or wellbeing of the animals are being compromised.
- 5. Where normally domesticated animals such as dogs, horses etc are used in performance activities such as theatre plays, shows, exhibition of skill or trials, the Council will use its statutory powers to ensure that the animals are not caused suffering or distress.
- 6. Where necessary the enforcing officers will consult with or seek specialist advice from a qualified veterinary surgeon, the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or any other recognised authority on the particular animals involved.
- 7. In relation to contact with animals, you are to operate in accordance with the current Code of Practice available from https://visitmyfarm.org/resources/code-of-practice.