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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Horses of Zippos Circus, Circus HQ, Enborne, NR Newbury, Berkshire, RG20 0LD

At the request of Mr David Hibling, I attended the horses at King Alfred Gardens, Hove Lawns, Brighton on the morning of 25th August 2017. During my examination, I was accompanied by David Hibling, Mr Norman Barnet and Mr Tamerlin Khadikov. There are six horses used for entertainment during Zippos Circus performances. My examination consisted of examining all six horses, their stabling (sources of feed and water) and means of transportation.

“Glorioso XXVI” Microchip number - 724010150017948

This horse has a small abrasion over the left eye. This is only as deep as the hair follicle layer and of little clinical significance. The area is being appropriately managed and in my opinion, is only aesthetic in nature, and therefore should not restrict the horse’s ability to be exercised. This horse is in excellent body condition otherwise with its teeth rasped, feet trimmed, and on sight of its passport, up to date vaccinations.

“Herceg” Microchip number 528210002523976

This horse is in excellent body condition with its teeth rasped, feet trimmed. No obvious ailments and when its passport was sighted all vaccinations were up to date.

“Shamon” Microchip number 528210000418449

This horse is in excellent body condition with its teeth rasped, feet trimmed. No obvious ailments and when its passport was sighted all vaccinations were up to date.

“Hurricane” Microchip number 958000001267385

This horse is in excellent body condition with its teeth rasped, feet trimmed. No obvious ailments and when its passport was sighted all vaccinations were up to date.

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“Zeus” Microchip number 985120020841095

This horse is in excellent body condition with its teeth rasped, feet trimmed. No obvious ailments and when its passport was sighted all vaccinations were up to date.

“Nadim” Microchip number 528210002505826

This horse is in excellent body condition with its teeth rasped, feet trimmed. No obvious ailments and when its passport was sighted all vaccinations were up to date. This horse is a stallion and as such I recommended that a notification be put on the fence.

Examination of the stabling area indicated six stables that measured 3m x 3m. There is plentiful water supply close by (hosepipe good pressure). There were two large round bales of very good quality hay stored adequately. The sides of the tent can be easily raised for increased ventilation.

It was noted that the stabling is beside the road and during the early evening the sides of the tent are raised so the general public walking passed can look at the horses.

The transportation was examined which consisted of a large horsebox (herringbone at the back with an area in front for hay, feed and props etc.).

In my opinion, these horses are extremely well cared for and exceed all minimum criteria for welfare standards set by the FEI (Federation Equine International) and the BHS (British Horse Society).

If any further information is required please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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