

CAZA Position Re: Use Of Wild or Exotic Animals for Performance, Shows or Acts.

Preamble

Whereas CAZA believes that acceptable cause to maintain captive wildlife and exotic animals includes:

- Public education
- Research and study
- Species preservation and/or conservation
- Recreation

Position

The Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums supports the use of wild or exotic animals for performance, shows or acts only if all the following conditions are met:

1. The husbandry and training practices do not negatively affect the physical or behavioural health of the animals.
2. The maintenance, facilities and husbandry practices for the animals comply with any standards established by legislation or by CAZA
3. The animals are trained and perform only actions or tasks which are considered to be a part of their natural behaviour*
4. The animals are not trained to perform activities that may endanger the animal.
5. Every opportunity is taken to appropriately interpret the behaviours involved in the performance as they relate to the animal's natural behaviour, physiology and anatomy
6. The animals are treated humanely and with the dignity deserving of all animals.

*Natural behaviour might include the display of working tasks performed by animals considered domestic in other parts of the world provided such tasks comply with all the other provisions written here.