UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO :

ANIMALS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v. : Case No. 03-2006 (EGS/JMF)

BAILEY CIRCUS, et al.,

Defendants.

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM &

EXHIBIT 17

TO

MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY FROM THE ORGANIZATIONAL PLAINTIFFS AND API

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14	Tuesday, July 19, 2005	
15	Videotaped deposition of LISA WEISBERG, a	
16	witness herein, called for examination by counsel for	
17	Defendants in the above-entitled matter, pursuant to	
18	notice, the witness being duly sworn by MARY GRACE	
19	CASTLEBERRY, a Notary Public in and for the District	
20	of Columbia, taken at the offices of Covington &	
21	Burling, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington,	
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24	GRACE CASTLEBERRY, RPR, and transcribed under her	
25	direction.	

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Page 48 Page 46 any additional funds for his participation in this Bros. 1 project from other plaintiffs? What other activities were covered in the 2 O. A. I can't answer that. 3 \$6,000 grant? 3 A. They were to reimburse Tom Rider for his You don't know? 4 general living expenses to travel the country and 5 A. I don't recall. MS. DALTON: I would like to mark Exhibit 6 meet with the media. 7 8. O. Did you have any direct -- did you provide 8 (ASPCA Exhibit No. 8 was Mr. Rider with any direct payments or were all of 9 marked for identification.) your -- that's my question. Did you provide him with 10 BY MS. DALTON: any direct payments? 10 O. And this is another check request 11 A. Yes, in 2003, I believe. 11 requested by you for the check made payable to Meyer Did you provide that check request to us? 12 & Glitzenstein for, quote, "Tom Rider testimony at A. I believe I did. 13 Mass. legislative hearing on anticircus bill," MS. DALTON: I don't recall that, so Kim, 14 if we could perhaps discuss that. We didn't receive 15 correct? 15 Соггест. any check request for Mr. Rider specifically. 16 Α. 16 And this was dated May 23rd, 2003, 17 Q. 17 THE WITNESS: Well, they weren't to 18 correct? Mr. Rider, the check requests. We would either 18 advance money to him to purchase a Greyhound bus 19 A. Correct. 19 Q. Why did the ASPCA reimburse Mr. Rider for ticket or to reimburse him for his daily living 20 20 21 this testimony? expenses or I would prepay his hotel rooms. So there 21 22 A. That covered his transportation and hotel was never any checks written to Mr. Rider. 22 costs to get to Massachusetts, to get to Boston to 23 BY MS. DALTON: 23 24 testify at the hearing. O. So there aren't any documents that would 24 reflect any of those purchases or any of those 25 Q. Why did the ASPCA not reimburse Mr. Rider 25 Page 49 Page 47 monetary advances? directly for his work on this project? A. At the time, we had no way of getting the A. The hotel rooms were oftentimes put on my American Express corporate card, and then some of the money to Mr. Rider because he was on the road and 3 Meyer & Glitzenstein was able to wire the money to other smaller items were reimbursed to him through 4 5 him. petty cash. Q. Did you consult with Mr. Rider about the Q. And those were all in 2003? 6 6 contents of his testimony? A. Correct. 7 7 8 A. Of the contents of his testimony? Can you think of any other direct payments or in-kind reimbursements to Mr. Rider for any of the Yes, referred to in this exhibit. 9 9 A. No. Mr. Rider can speak firsthand about years besides 2003? 10 10 his knowledge of what occurs at Ringling Bros. 11 A. No. 11 Q. Returning to Exhibit 7. So if you could Q. Did Mr. Rider know that the ASPCA was 12 12 providing this funding? 13 13 tell me - if you could go into more detail as to 14 A. I believe so. what the \$6,000 grant was originally for. 14 Q. Have any other payments from the ASPCA to A. Again, it was to reimburse Mr. Rider for 15 15 16 Meyer & Glitzenstein included funds that were 16 his Greyhound bus tickets, to travel the country, intended to go to Mr. Rider? basic day-to-day living expenses, food, lodging. 17 17 Q. And this was all provided through the 18 A. No. 18 MS. DALTON: I would like to mark Exhibit Wildlife Advocacy Project? 19 19 20 9. A. Correct. 20 (ASPCA Exhibit No. 9 was 21 Q. Did Mr. Rider know that the ASPCA was 21 marked for identification.) 22 providing this funding through the Wildlife Advocacy 22 23 BY MS. DALTON: Project? 23 Q. And this is an e-mail to Dr. Hawk from you 24 A. I believe so. 24 25 dated May 7th, 2001, correct? Did Mr. Rider, to your knowledge, receive 25

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PLAINTIFF AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS' RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO DEFENDANTS' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33 and the agreement of the parties, plaintiff American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("ASPCA") hereby offers the following objections and responses to Defendants' First Set of Interrogatories to the ASPCA.

DEFINITIONS

1. As used herein, "irrelevant" means not relevant to the subject matter of this action and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

1. The ASPCA's general objections, as set forth herein, are to be considered continuing objections and responses to the specific Interrogatories that follow, even if not referred to in the objection and response to a specific Interrogatory. The ASPCA's

None.

Interrogatory No. 21:

Identify each resource you have expended from 1997 to the present in "advocating better treatment for animals held in captivity, including animals used for entertainment purposes" as alleged in the complaint, including the amount and purpose of each expenditure.

Objection and Response to Interrogatory No. 21:

The ASPCA objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive and calls for confidential proprietary financial information. Subject to and without waiving this objection and the general objections to these Interrogatories, the ASPCA responds as follows:

1997: (see attached Form 990)

10% of salaries, benefits, and support expenses of Government Affairs New York and DC Offices: \$265,000 + \$220,000 = \$48,000

Communications (Animal Watch

@ \$3,000/page) \$ 4,500

Total for 1997: \$52,500

1998: (see attached Form 990)

10% of salaries, benefits, and support expenses of Government Affairs New York and

DC Offices: \$100,000 + \$100,000 = \$20,000

Supporting expenses (5% of \$567,000) \$28,000

California circus ad

(see letter of 6/29/98 to Alan Berger) \$1,000

Humane Law Enforcement investigations

(8/4/98; 8/31/98) \$ 500

Communications (Animal Watch articles

@ \$ 3,000/page) \$4500

Total for 1998: \$54,000

1999: (see attached Form 990)

10% of salary and benefits of Gov't Affairs NY and DC staff

\$ 165,000 + \$150,000 = \$30,000

10% of supporting expenses \$220,000 = \$22,000

Humane Law Enforcement investigations (3/23; 3/24; 3/29) \$ 750

Communications (Animal Watch articles

@ \$3,000/page) \$ 4500

Total for 1999: \$57,250

2000:

10% of salary and benefits of Gov't Affairs NY, DC staff; 5% Midwest staff

\$248,288 + \$152,563 + \$75,000 = \$47,235

10% of supporting expenses \$4,000

Communications (Animal Watch articles

@ \$3,000/page) \$ 4500

Total for 2000: \$55,735

2001:

10% of salary and benefits of Gov't Affairs NY, DC staff; 5% Midwest staff

\$276,000 + \$238,000 + \$73,000 = \$55,000

10% of supporting expenses \$ 11,000

July 9, 2001 payment to Jungle Friends

Sanctuary (building cages for rescued monkeys) \$ 2,500

October 13, 2001 payment to Mindy's Memory Primate Sanctuary (capital improvements; monkey house, cages) \$ 2500	
Payment to Meyer & Glitzenstein re Ringling lawsuit	\$ 9,000
GREY2K USA (greyhound racing efforts)	\$ 8,000
Humane Law Enforcement investigations (4/2)	\$ 250
Media Relations (15% of staff time)	\$ 45,000

Communications (Animal Watch articles

@ \$3,000/page) \$ 4500

Total for 2001: \$137,750

2002:

10% of salary and benefits of Gov't Affairs NY, Midwest
and CA Midwest staff

\$323,000 +116,000 =	\$43,000
10% of supporting expenses	\$ 8,000
Florida pig gestation crate initiative	\$25,000
WSPA circus ad campaign in Boston	\$ 6,000
Florida greyhound ad (Tallahassee Democrat)	\$ 1,000
Florida lobbying on greyhound bills (GREY2K)	\$ 4,000
Meyer & Glitzenstein	\$10,151
Humane Law Enforcement investigations (3/21)	\$ 250
Media Relations - 10% of staff time - Production of video news release	\$ 30,000

and dubs of tapes about lawsuit - faxing press releases - PR Newswire posting press release - Tapes of Ringling Bros' news stories - Misc. expenses (long distance calls, faxing, fedex)	\$ 6,000 \$ 5,000	
	\$ 4,000 \$ 2,000 \$ 5,000	
Communications (Animal Watch articles @ \$3,000/page)	\$ 4500	
Total for 2002:	\$153,901	
2003:		
10% of salary and benefits of Gov't Affairs NY, Midwest and CA Midwest staff		
\$415,000 + \$170,000 =	\$58,500	
10% of supporting expenses	\$ 8,000	
Meyer & Glitzenstein (Ringling law suit)	\$16,268	
The Victory Group (greyhound lobbying efforts in MA)	\$ 15,000	
Dave Hatch (professional signature gathering for Denver ballot Initiative to ban exotic animal acts) \$ 1,000		
Humane Law Enforcement inspections (7/17)	\$ 250	
Media Relations (5% of staff time)	\$ 15,000	
Communications (Animal Watch articles @ \$3,000/page)	\$ 4500	

<u>2004:</u>

Total for 2003:

10% of salary and benefits of Gov't Affairs NY,
Midwest, CA staff \$30,000

\$118,518

10% of supporting expenses \$4,000

Meyer & Glitzenstein \$ 5,000

Media Relations (5% pf staff time to date) \$15,000

Total for 2004 to date: \$54,000

Total Resources Expended 1997 to the present: \$683,654

Interrogatory No. 22:

Identify each expenditure from 1997 to the present of "financial and other resources" made while "pursuing alternative sources of information about defendants' actions and treatment of elephants" as alleged in the complaint.

Objection and Response to Interrogatory No. 22:

The ASPCA objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and calls for confidential financial information. Subject to and without waiving these and the general objections to these Interrogatories, the ASPCA states the following:

In 2000, the ASPCA spent about 5% of the time and benefits of the head of its D.C. Office, Nancy Blaney, as well as 5% of the overhead for that office gathering information from other organizations about Ringling Bros.' treatment of Asian elephants, culminating in the ASCPA's decision to become co-plaintiffs in this action: approximately \$13,000.

In 2001, the ASPCA gave The Wildlife Advocacy Project a grant for \$7,400 for public education about Ringling Bros.'s mistreatment of Asian elephants.

In 2002, the ASPCA spent a percentage of the salary and benefits for Lisa Weisberg – approximately \$12,000; plus \$7,568 for Freedom of Information Act litigation to obtain

documents from the USDA concerning Ringling Bros.' treatment of Asian elephants, and \$18,186 for public education expenses, for a total of \$37,754.

In 2003, the ASPCA spent a percentage of Ms. Weisberg's salary and benefits – approximately \$ 14,000; plus \$10,227.11 for Freedom of Information Act litigation, follow-up an the compilation of the USDA Report, for a total of \$24,227.11.

In 2004, to date, the ASPCA spent a percentage of Ms. Weisberg's salary and benefits – approximately \$ 1,000; plus \$ 419.69 for Freedom of Information Act litigation follow-up to obtain documents from the USDA concerning Ringling Bros.'s treatment of Asian elephants, for a total of \$1,419.69.

Total for expenditures to pursue alternate sources of information: \$83,800.80

Interrogatory No. 23:

Describe the subject and substance of the testimony that would be given by each person identified in the initial disclosures.

Objection and Response to Interrogatory No. 23:

The ASPCA objects to this Interrogatory on the ground that the plaintiffs have already provided this basic information with their initial disclosures, and to provide further details at this point would reveal the work product of their attorneys. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing or general objections to these Interrogatories, the ASPCA states that the subject and substance of the testimony that Tom Rider will provide is described in Mr. Rider's answers to the Interrogatories directed to him.

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13	Washington, D.C.
14	Wednesday, May 18, 2005
15	Videotape Deposition of CATHY LISS, a
16	30(b)(6) witness herein, called for examination by
17	counsel for Defendants in the above-entitled matter,
18	pursuant to notice, the witness being duly sworn by
19	SUSAN L. CIMINELLI, a Notary Public in and for the
20	District of Columbia, taken at the offices of
21	Covington & Burling, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
22	Washington, D.C., at 9:38 a.m., Wednesday, May 18,
23	2005, and the proceedings being taken down by
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Washington, DC Page 138 Page 140 A. For him to do -- to speak at events. Who was there from the ASPCA? 1 Q. What events has he spoken at on behalf of Lisa Weissberg. 2 O 2 A. Who was there from Fund for Animals? AWI? 3 3 Q. Mike Markarian. 4 A. He has never spoken on behalf of AWI. What events has AWI paid him to speak at? Anyone else? Not from the Fund in 5 Q. A. We haven't paid him -- we paid his 6 particular, but was there anyone else in general 6 7 transportation costs so that he could go to Atlanta, there? 8 for example, to speak. A. Our counsel. 8 O. Okay. Tell me all the events for which 9 Q. Ms. Meyer? 9 10 you paid his transportation costs so he could go 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. Anyone else? 11 A. I couldn't tell you. It's not very many. A. I don't recall who else was present. 12 12 How long did that meeting last? What do you mean by not very many? How 13 13 Q. many are we talking about? Couple hours at most. 14 A. 14 15 A. Given that the -- it's \$2,000 for a hotel Are there any other occasions on which you 15 O. and transportation, it doesn't go very far. Maybe met Mr. Rider? 16 16 three. A. No. 17 17 18 Q. How did you decide when to, when to pay Does Mr. Rider ever work for AWI? 18 Q. for Mr. Rider's -- let me rephrase that. Has it been 19 19 A. Q. Has Animal Welfare Institute ever paid 20 at your request that Mr. Rider has gone to speak at 20 21 these events? Mr. Rider any money? 21 A. Yes. 22 A. Yes. 22 Q. And why have you decided to ask Mr. Rider How much did they pay him? 23 23 Q. 24 to speak at these particular events? Couple thousand dollars. 24 A. 25 A. They were in conjunction with appearances When was that? 25 O. Page 139 Page 141 of the circus and we thought it was important to A. Over the course of five years. Roughly educate the public about what he observed. from 2000 forward. 2 Q. Are you still making payments to him? 3 Q. And when you say the circus, do you mean 3 specifically Ringling Bros.? 4 4 A. No. A. Yes. When was the last time you made a payment 5 5 Q. Q. So you paid Mr. Rider's expense -- travel 6 to him? 6 expenses to go speak about Ringling Bros. in cities 7 MS. OCKENE: Objection to the 7 where Ringling Bros. was performing? 8 characterization that there were payments on some 8 9 A. That's correct. We contributed towards. 9 schedule. MR. WOLSON: I don't think I made that 10 Yes. 10 Was it always at your initiative that you 11 characterization. 11 contributed towards it? MS. OCKENE: I'm still objecting to the 12 12 A. No. 13 13 Whose initiative was it? 14 Q. THE WITNESS: We have no plans to give him 14 A. It might have been his, too. 15 additional moneys at this time. 15 BY MR. WOLSON: 16 Q. He approached you to ask you to 16 Q. Well, my question was when was the last 17 contribute? 17 A. Yes. time you made a payment to him? 18 18 A. At some point in 2005. I don't recall the 19 Q. Has he ever asked for anything more than 19 his travel expenses? date specifically. 20 20 Q. So within the last four an a half months? 21 A. No. 21 22 O. Is all the money that you paid him for 22 A. Yes. 23 travel expenses? What were you paying him for? 23 Q.

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Q. On the times that you've reimbursed him,

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For public education.

What do you mean by public education?

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A. Yes.

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PLAINTIFF ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE'S RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO DEFENDANTS' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFFS AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE, AND FUND FOR ANIMALS

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33 and the agreement of the parties, plaintiff Animal Welfare Institute ("AWI") hereby offers the following objections and responses to Defendants' First Set of Interrogatories to AWI.

DEFINITIONS

1. As used herein, "irrelevant" means not relevant to the subject matter of this action and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

1. AWI's general objections, as set forth herein, are to be considered continuing objections and responses to the specific Interrogatories that follow, even if not referred to in the objection and response to a specific Interrogatory. AWI's objections

and without waiving this or the general objections to these Interrogatories, AWI states that Cathy Liss, President of AWI, had a brief phone conversation in 2002 with Ted Friend, a researcher based in Texas, in which he said that Ringling treats its animals (elephants and big cats) okay. He did not go into detail, but indicated that he felt animal protection groups were unfounded in their complaints. Other than that, AWI has not had any communications with any person who has expressed support for or otherwise said positive things about defendants' treatment of their elephants.

Interrogatory No. 21:

Identify each resource you have expended from 1997 to the present in "advocating better treatment for animals held in captivity, including animals used for entertainment purposes" as alleged in the complaint, including the amount and purpose of each expenditure.

Objection and Response to Interrogatory No. 21:

AWI objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive. Subject to and without waiving this or the general objections, AWI estimates that approximately half of its program activities are related to improving conditions for captive animals, with an average annual total expenditure of approximately \$437,000 from 1997 to the present. Since 1997 AWI has spent on average approximately \$28,000/year producing educational materials "advocating better treatment of animals held in captivity," including \$14,666 to publish Comfortable Quarters for Laboratory Animals, and \$12,754 to publish Environmental Enrichment for Caged Rhesus Macaques. AWI spends about \$25,000/year speaking and/or attending and distributing educational material on improving the treatment of animals in captivity at symposia, and approximately \$25,000/year conducting research and writing to encourage better treatment of captive animals. AWI has produced databases on enriching the lives

of captive animals for use by the general public, and maintains an on-line forum on enriching the lives of captive animals. The cost for updating the databases and maintaining the forum is approximately \$40,000/year. AWI provides guidance directly to individuals who have animals in captivity about ways to improve the conditions for their animals and spend approximately \$32,000/year on this activity. Many of the documents produced by AWI in response to defendants' document requests also demonstrate resources AWI expends in advocating for the better treatment of animals in captivity.

Interrogatory No. 22:

Identify each expenditure from 1997 to the present of "financial and other resources" made while "pursuing alternative sources of information about defendants' actions and treatment of elephants" as alleged in the complaint.

Objection and Response to Interrogatory No. 22:

AWI objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that it is overly broad and unduly burdensome. Subject to and without waiving these objections, AWI states that in 2000 it spent approximately 3% of the time and benefits of the Executive Director, Cathy Liss and President, Christine Stevens (full-time volunteer), as well as .5% of the overhead for its office gathering information from individuals and other organizations about Ringling Brothers' treatment of its Asian elephants, culminating in AWI's decision to become a co-plaintiff in this action; a total resource expenditure of approximately \$6,650. AWI states that it spent approximately \$4,000 between 2001 and 2003 pursuing a Freedom of Information Act case against the United States Department of Agriculture for documents related to defendants' treatment of their elephants. AWI also spent approximately \$14,000 between 2002 and 2003 in reviewing the documents received in

response to the Freedom of Information Act law suit, and compiling a report based on those documents concerning the United States Department of Agriculture's failure to enforce the Animal Welfare Act against defendants. In addition, annually AWI expends miscellaneous staff resources searching the news, the internet, and other sources for information related to defendants' treatment of their elephants.

Interrogatory No. 23:

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AWI objects to this Interrogatory on the ground that the plaintiffs have already provided this basic information with their initial disclosures, and to provide further details at this point would reveal the work product of their attorneys. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing or general objections to these Interrogatories, AWI states that the subject and substance of the testimony that Tom Rider will provide is described in Mr. Rider's answers to the Interrogatories directed to him.

Objections respectfully submitted by,

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legislative issues, state ballot initiatives, for axample. Q Have any of those legislative issues related to circuses? A Not that I can recall particularly. Q Did you coordinate at all with the ASPCA as regarding the Captive Elephant Act and Protection Act? A We may have. We routinely work with other like-minded groups, but I don't particularly recall coordinating specifically with the ASPCA on that like-minded groups, but I don't particularly recall coordinating specifically with the ASPCA on that like-minded groups, but I don't particularly recall coordinating specifically with the ASPCA on that like-minded groups, but I don't particularly recall coordinating specifically with the ASPCA on that like-minded groups, but I don't particularly recall coordinating specifically with the ASPCA on that like-minded groups, but I don't particularly recall coordinating specifically with the ASPCA on that like-minded groups, but I don't particularly recall coordinating specifically with the ASPCA on that like-minded groups, but I don't particularly recall in coordinating specifically with the ASPCA on that like-minded groups, but I don't particularly recall in coordinating specifically with the ASPCA on that like-minded groups, but I don't particularly recall in town which the ASPCA on that like-minded groups, but I don't particularly recall in town which the ASPCA in the first time? A We - we - the Fund for Animals previously operated a spay/neuter clinic for dogs and cats in New York and because it has a great deal of the experience with - with pet issues, we had consulted with the minded groups, but I don't recall. A We have in - in some cases worked with minded proviously operated a spay/neuter sisues and dog and cat in New York are but we assume great line the New York are but we assume great line the New York are but we supering a paymoney? A That's correct. A Does the fund no longer operate the spay/neuter clinic in New York City? A Not to my knowledge. Q Does the fund no longer operate the spay/neuter clini	the
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Page 158 Page 160 his travel expenses to participate in the Denver press At that time, I believe he was working for conference, which I mentioned earlier. his own consulting business called Schubert and When you say you gave him \$1,000, did you 3 Associates. pay for him to - to attend that press -- let me What kind of consulting business was that? 4 5 5 rephrase that. He did wildlife biology consulting and --Did you -- is the \$1,000 reflective of 6 and research for various clients, including the Fund 7 expenses you incurred to purchase and make travel for Animals and other animal protection organizations. arrangements for him, such as air fare, or did you 8 And that was based in Phoenix? actually hand over the \$1,000 to make his own 9 9 Α Yes. 10 arrangements? 10 0 It says that at that time, Mr. Schubert 11 MS. MEYER: Objection to the form. 11 contacted Mr. Rider by telephone to determine whether 12 BY MR. WOLSON: he, I presume Mr. Rider, would be available to 13 You can answer. transfer to Phoenix to participate in a press We gave the \$1,000 directly to Mr. Rider. conference being hosted by the Animal Defense League 14 15 He made his own travel arrangements. of Arizona. Do you see that? Did he submit any receipts for those --16 16 Yes. Α that thousand dollars? 17 17 0 Do you know where Mr. Rider was living at 18 Α I believe that we did receive one receipt 18 that time? 19 from him. 19 Α No, I don't know. 20 Was that receipt for \$1,000? 0 20 Q Do you know for whom he was working? 21 Α I don't -- I don't recall how -- the exact 21 Α No, I don't. 22 amount. 22 Q Do you know if he was working for Ringling 23 Do you know what the receipt was for? Bros.? 0 23 24 Α My recollection is that he -- he -- that 24 I don't -- I don't know. I believe it was 25 it was a receipt for some repairs to his vehicle which after he was no longer an employee of Ringling Bros. 25 Page 159 allowed him to drive to -- to Denver. Do you know how Mr. Schubert knew who 0 So you never got a receipt from him for a Mr. Rider was? hotel room? 3 I don't know how they met particularly. Α No, not to my knowledge. Α 4 Do you know how he knew where to reach 5 Other than paying money, has the fund ever 5 Mr. Rider? given Mr. Rider any other sort of compensation, like 6 No, I don't know. Α food or lodging or transport? 7 Do you know why Mr. Schubert selected 8 Not that I'm aware of. 8 Mr. Rider? Α Go back to the interrogatory responses and 9 9 Α No. I don't. look at interrogatory number 8 on page 25. I'm sorry, 10 It says here that arrangements were made for Mr. Rider to fly into Phoenix to Sky Harbor interrogatory 16. Interrogatory 16 asks for every 11 communication that you have had with any current or 12 Airport. Do you see that? 13 former employee of defendant since 1996. See that? 13 Α Yes. 14 A Yes. 14 Q Who made those arrangements? 15 Okay. On page 26 is the start of a 15 0 Α I don't know. 16 paragraph that lasts for about a page detailing some 16 O Do you know who paid for Mr. Rider's communications that Mr. Schubert has had with 17 flight? 17 18 Mr. Rider. Do you see that? 18 No, I don't. 19 Α Yes, I do. 19 The interrogatory response goes on to say that Mr. Schubert picked Mr. Rider up, took him to 20 Okay. The first one of these occurred dinner and dropped him off at a hotel. Do you see in -- what it says here was June or July of 1999 or 22 2000. Do you see that? that? 23 23 Α Yes. A 24 0 Who was Mr. Schubert working for at that 24 0 Do you know who paid for the dinner? 25 time? No. I don't.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, et al.,))) Civ. No. 00-01641 (EGS)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)))
RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM)
& BAILEY CIRCUT, et al.,) }
Defendants.	<u> </u>

PLAINTIFF THE FUND FOR ANIMALS' RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO DEFENDANTS' FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES TO PLAINTIFFS AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE, AND FUND FOR ANIMALS

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 33 and the agreement of the parties, plaintiff The Fund for Animals ("The Fund") hereby offers the following objections and responses to Defendants' First Set of Interrogatories to The Fund.

DEFINITIONS

1. As used herein, "irrelevant" means not relevant to the subject matter of this action and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

1. The Fund's general objections, as set forth herein, are to be considered continuing objections and responses to the specific Interrogatories that follow, even if not referred to in the objection and response to a specific Interrogatory. The Fund's

cannot recall each such communication. Some information regarding such communications may be found in the documents provided by The Fund in response to defendants' document requests.

In addition, Michael Markarian has had numerous conversations with the other organizational plaintiffs and their attorneys in this case concerning the litigation, most of which are protected by the attorney-client privilege.

Interrogatory No. 20!

Describe each communication in which any person, other than defendants or their employees, has expressed support for or otherwise said positive things about defendants' treatment of their elephants.

Objection and Response to Interrogatory No. 20:

The Fund objects to this Interrogatory on the ground that it is vague and ambiguous. In particular, The Fund does not know what is meant by the term "positive things." Subject to and without waiving this objection or the general objections to these Interrogatories, The Fund states that it is not aware of any such communications.

Interrogatory No. 21:

Identify each resource you have expended from 1997 to the present in "advocating better treatment for animals held in captivity, including animals used for entertainment purposes" as alleged in the complaint, including the amount and purpose of each expenditure.

Objection and Response to Interrogatory No. 21:

The Fund objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that it is overly broad, unduly burdensome, and highly oppressive. The term "each resource" is also vague and ambiguous. Subject to and without waiving this or the general objections to the interrogatories, The Fund provides the following information concerning resources expended advocating better treatment for animals in captivity:

The following funds were expended on printing, postage, and mail services for direct mailings to members of The Fund for Animals and potential supporters on topics such as circuses, canned hunts, and animals raised in captivity for their fur:

1997: \$393,209
1998: \$204,570
1999: \$441,213
2000: \$425,068
2001: \$764,572
2002: \$1,269,770
2003: \$1,096,580

The following funds were expended on printed literature for educational purposes, including fact sheets, brochures, and materials for teachers and children regarding circuses, canned hunts, and other issues related to captive animals:

1997: \$54,160
1998: \$170,932
1999: \$65,525
2000: \$125,711
2001: \$132,112
2002: \$128,712
2003: \$173,828

The following funds were expended on paid print and broadcast advertising to educate consumers on the issue of animals raised in captivity for fur production:

2001: \$150,4102002: \$631,0612003: \$606,525

The following funds were expended on media distribution services to educate the public on issues such as circuses, private ownership of exotic wildlife, captive animals raised for fur, and canned hunts:

U.S. Newswire:

2003: \$12,4252004: \$1,975

P.R. Newswire:

2000: \$17,680
2001: \$23,690
2002: \$28,270
2003: \$26,805
2004: \$17,820

The following funds were expended to produce Public Service Announcements distributed to television stations nationwide on the issues of "canned hunts" of captive wildlife and the private ownership of exotic wildlife:

2001: Canned Hunts, \$40,0002003: Exotic Animals, \$44,200

The following funds were expended on web site and online communications to educate people about animal cruelty issues such as circuses, canned hunts, exotic pets, and animals raised for their fur:

2001: \$22,660
2002: \$72,622.48
2003: \$106,433.58
2004: \$52,933.34

The Fund made a donation to the Captive Wild Animal Protection Coalition of \$2,000 in 2003.

Extensive staff time and other resources have also been expended annually on various items relating to advocating for animals in captivity, including:

- 2002-2003 running the National Humane Essay Contest on the topic of circuses with animal acts.
- 2003-2004 running the National Humane Essay Contest on the topic of exotic animals as "pets."
- Writing reports, fact sheets, and press releases every year.
- Setting up canned hunt filing system.
- Setting up and updating canned hunt database.
- Sending letters to state wildlife agencies requesting canned hunting info.
- Writing letters opposing rodeos.
- Researching canned hunt laws and regulations.
- Writing letters to zoos about surplus animal policy.
- Attending Chronic Wasting Disease conference in Colorado where game farms were discussed.
- Testifying on Pennsylvania canned hunt regulations.
- Lobbying on Pennslvania canned hunt bill.
- Attending Federal canned hunt bill committee mark-up.
- Protesting circus at Montgomery County Fair, Maryland, in 2002 and 2003.
- Employing a full-time lobbyist in California working on exotic animal bills and attending meetings of the California Fish and Game Commission and the Advisory Committee on Humane Care and Treatment of Wild Animals. Lobbyist has worked on the following state bills: (1997) SB 196, AB 716; (1998) AB 1635, AB 409, AB 716; (2000) SB 1462, SB 2149; (2001) F&G regs on deer farms;

- (2002) AB 2574, AB 2847, SB 1210, SB 1306, SB 1851, F&G regs on exotics in captivity and deer farms; (2003) SB 732, AB 885, AB 395.
- Employing a full-time lobbyist in New York working on exotic animal bills, including bills to ban the trophy shooting of captive exotic mammals and to ban the private ownership of exotic wildlife. Lobbyist has worked on the following bills: (2003) S2735a and A4609a; (2004) A2684b, S905b, S6446a, A10188a.

The Fund's Director of Government and International Affairs has also expended time engaging in the following activities related to advocacy on behalf of animals in captivity:

2001:

1/11: Participated in conference call regarding circus lawsuits.

2/6: Attended monthly lobbyist meeting.

2/23: Attended Species Survival Network Strategy Meeting.

3/5: In Annapolis for meetings with state legislators regarding MD General Assembly bill to prohibit elephants in circuses in MD.

3/9: same as 3/5

3/12: same as 3/5

3/16: Testified on MD General Assembly bill to prohibit elephants in circuses in MD.

3/19: Participated in conference call regarding upcoming press conference on circus lawsuit.

3/22: Attended press conference on circus lawsuit at Nat'l Press Club.

4/26 through 4/28: Meetings with Dr. Willie Smits of Gibbon Foundation, Indonesia, and legislative staff on Capitol Hill. Also with staff of USFWS.

4/28 through 5/2: Attended conference in Boston on Great Apes.

6/5: Met with AZA staff re roadside zoos.

6/14 through 7/6: Uganda/Rwanda/UK trip: Meetings with heads of wildlife agencies, local NGOs, park rangers, ecotourism operations, UK-based animal protection organizations regarding various wildlife issues, including wildlife trade and animals in captivity. Field site visits in Uganda and Rwanda with national park staff and wildlife biologists regarding protected areas management, viability of endangered wildlife populations, and impacts of trade. Strategy sessions with Government Ministers regarding bilateral cooperation between Uganda and Rwanda on CITES positions, migratory routes of certain species, poaching, and illegal trade.

8/24: Attended Species Survival Network Strategy Meeting.

8/30: Met with Dr. Marc Ancrenaz of Kinabatangan Orangutan Conservation Project.

9/25: Several appointments on Capitol Hill with staff re CITES issues, including trade for captivity. Also attended reception at Indonesian Embassy.

10/3: Attended House Resources Committee hearing.

10/19: Attended Species Survival Network Strategy Meeting, met with Director of Conservation International re coordinated projects in Africa.

11/29 through 12/4: Attended Species Survival Network Annual Summit in Costa Rica.

12/13: Several meetings on Capitol Hill re canned hunt bill.

12/14: Species Survival Network Strategy Meeting.

2002:

- 1/30: Meeting with Senator Jeffords.
- 1/31: meeting with American Zoo and Aquarium Association.
- 2/14: Meeting with USFWS.
- 2/15: Species Survival Network Strategy Meeting.
- 2/20 through 2/24: Meetings in Chicago with U.S. based ecotourism companies, including their charitable foundations.
- 2/28 through 3/1: Trinational Conference on Wildlife Law Enforcement.
- 3/1: Meeting with Kevin Adams at USFWS.
- 4/6 through 4/13: CITES Animals Committee Meeting in Costa Rica.
- 4/17: USFWS Public Meeting on proposals for CITES CoP 12.
- 4/18: Meetings on Capitol Hill re Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act (CEAPA).
- 4/25 Humane Awards dinner and ceremony.
- 4/26: Species Survival Network Meeting.
- 4/26 through 5/15: Tanzania and Netherlands trip. Lectured at Mweka College of African Wildlife Management, met with Tanzanian based animal protection NGOs, toured Trophy hunting concession with local Maasai tribal leaders, met with Tanzanian Minister of Tourism and Environment, accompanied Tanzanian National Parks staff on several wildlife recovery missions, attended strategy meetings at Greenpeace Amsterdam.
- 5/21: Strategy meeting with other lobbyists re CEAPA.
- 5/22: Meetings on Capitol Hill re CEAPA.
- 6/14 through 6/18: Black Beauty Ranch, Texas.
- 6/21: Species Survival Network Meeting.
- 6/28 through 7/3: Various speeches given at Animal Rights 2002 Conference.
- 7/11: Strategy Meeting at HSUS re CITES elephant proposals.
- 7/18: Meetings with Congressional candidates re animal issues at the federal level.
- 8/20: Briefing at USFWS re proposals and resolutions for CITES CoP 12.
- 8/23 Species Survival Network Strategy Meeting.
- 9/5: Meetings on Capitol Hill re CEAPA.
- 9/17: CITES oversight hearing in House Resources Committee.
- 9/20 Species Survival Network Meeting.
- 10/3: Meetings on Capitol Hill re Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act (CEAPA).
- 10/18: Species Survival Network Meeting.
- 10/19: Meeting with WV state delegates re animal legislation in Charleston.
- 10/22: Species Survival Network Press Conference.
- 10/31 through 11/17: Attended CITES CoP 12 in Santiago Chile as non-governmental observer and lobbied for pro-animal initiatives.
- 12/3: Meetings on Capitol Hill re Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act (CEAPA).
- 12/13: Meeting with AZA re roadside zoos and CEAPA.

2003:

- 1/14: Conference call re CEAPA.
- 3/6: Meetings on Capitol Hill re Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act (CEAPA).
- 3/11: Meetings on Capitol Hill re Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act (CEAPA) various times during March 2003: Worked on article for Animal Free Press re elephants, including captive elephants.
- 3/10: Met with WV state legislators re various animal related legislation.
- 3/19-3/20: Smithsonian Conference, "Elephants and Ethics".
- 3/24: Conference call with USFWS.
- 4/3: Meeting with IFAW contract lobbyist.
- 4/7: Meetings on Capitol Hill re Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act (CEAPA).
- 4/15: Meetings on Capitol Hill re Captive Exotic Animal Protection Act (CEAPA).
- 4/20 through 4/27: CITES Standing Committee, Geneva Switzerland.
- 5/5: Conference call with members of Pan African Sanctuary Alliance.
- 5/23: Conference call with members of Pan African Sanctuary Alliance.
- 5/25 through 6/16: Rwanda/Uganda/Kenya trip: Field work in various national parks, meetings with President Kagame's staff re restoration of migratory corridors, wildlife trade issues, and expansion of ecotourism, meetings with Uganda Wildlife Authority director and staff re wildlife export policies and protected areas management, meetings with President Kibaki's staff re Kenya's comprehensive wildlife policy strategy and elephant relocation plans. Spoke at Pan African Sanctuary Alliance annual meeting, Kenya Wildlife Service briefing and East African Wildlife Society dinner.
- 6/27 through 7/2: Gave various speeches at Animal Rights 2003 conference.
- 8/15 through 8/22: CITES Animals Committee Meeting, Geneva Switzerland.
- 9/12 Meeting with Dr. Sammy El Falaly, Director of CITES Management Authority for Egypt, in Cairo re wildlife trade and policies on confiscated animals, also Egyptian animal protection laws and live animal auctions.
- 9/24 Lectured at Shepherd College on wildlife related legislation and international wildlife law.
- 9/26: conference call on USFWS draft regs and proposed rule on ESA changes.
- 10/2: conference call on USFWS draft regs and proposed rule on ESA changes.
- 10/16 through 10/19 White Oak Plantation Wildlife facility, Jacksonville FL.
- 10/22: conference call on USFWS draft regs and proposed rule on ESA changes.
- 10/24 Speech at Women in Government Relations conference in D.C.
- 11/2: Speech at Animal Welfare Society Annual Dinner, Shepherdstown WV.
- 11/6: Meeting with Uganda President Yoweri Museveni in Washington DC.
- 11/9: Speech at Student Lobby Day training session, American University, Washington DC.
- 11/21: conference calls on USFWS draft regs and proposed rule on ESA changes.
- 12/3: speech at WV Democratic Association Annual Dinner.
- 12/18: Meeting with HSUS Investigations staff.

2004:

Various dates through January and February: conference calls on USFWS draft regs and proposed rule on ESA changes.

3/14 through 3/19: CITES Standing Committee Meeting, Geneva Switzerland.

3/23: Meeting w/ WV State Delegate John Doyle and State Senators John Unger and Herb Snyder re animal related legislation.

4/16 through 4/23: Animal Transport Association Conference in Vienna Austria.

1997:

Numerous meetings, conference calls and Hill visits re CITES proposals dealing with transport of circus animals, captive breeding, etc.

June 1997: CITES Conference of the Parties 10 in Harare, Zimbabwe.

1998:

Countless meetings, Hill visits, and embassy visits re capture of wild elephant calves in Botswana and subsequent abuse of calves, and selling to various zoos. Ensuing Legal case in South Africa – worked extensively with South African NGOs lining up expert testimony, research and background information. Briefed CITES parties on developments in the case against the wildlife dealer, Riccardo Ghiazza

September: Speeches at Performing Animal Welfare Society Annual Meeting In Sacramento, CA.

In addition to the above-listed human resource and monetary resource expenditures, the documents produced by The Fund in response to defendants' document requests also demonstrate numerous resources The Fund has expended in advocating for the better treatment of animals in captivity, and The Fund refers defendants to those documents.

Interrogatory No. 22:

Identify each expenditure from 1997 to the present of "financial and other resources" made while "pursuing alternative sources of information about defendants' actions and treatment of elephants" as alleged in the complaint.

Objection and Response to Interrogatory No. 22:

The Fund objects to this Interrogatory on the grounds that it is overly broad, and unduly burdensome. Subject to and without waiving these or the general objections, The

Fund states that its Director of Government and International Affairs spent approximately 10% of her time in 2000 gathering information on Ringling Bros. (approximately \$3,000), culminating in a decision to be a co-plaintiff in this law suit. The Fund also spent approximately \$4,000 between 2001 and 2003 pursuing a Freedom of Information Act case against the United States Department of Agriculture for documents related to defendants' treatment of their elephants. The Fund also spent approximately \$14,000 between 2002 and 2004 for reviewing the documents received in response to the Freedom of Information Act law suit, and compiling and disseminating a report based on those documents concerning the United States Department of Agriculture's failure to enforce the Animal Welfare Act against defendants. In addition, The Fund annually expends miscellaneous staff resources searching the news, the internet, and other sources for information related to defendants' treatment of their elephants.

Interrogatory No. 23:

Describe the subject and substance of the testimony that would be given by each person identified in the initial disclosures.

Objection and Response to Interrogatory No. 23:

The Fund objects to this Interrogatory on the ground that the plaintiffs have already provided this basic information with their initial disclosures, and to provide further details at this point would reveal the work product of their attorneys. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing or general objections to these Interrogatories, the Fund states that the subject and substance of the testimony that Tom Rider will provide is described in Mr. Rider's answers to the Interrogatories directed to him.