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# All States: Ask Your State Representative to Ban Use of Elephants in Circuses

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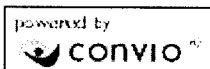
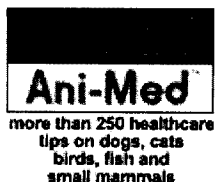
The circus is coming to town!! Maybe even to your town! And if it is, we need your help in our campaign to end Ringling Bros.' abuse of elephants.

Please take action now!

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The ASPCA is suing Ringling Bros./Barnum & Bailey Circus under the Endangered Species Act for its mistreatment of elephants. Ringling's elephants are oftentimes beaten or "trained" with bullhooks; they are dragged around the country in hot, fetid railroad cars; and they are kept chained for as long as 20 or more hours per day.

USDA inspectors have found baby elephants forcibly removed from their mothers long before they are weaned; in the case of two babies, USDA told Ringling this treatment caused "trauma and physical harm" and was "unnecessary." Two former Ringling employees who had worked with the elephants were so disgusted with the mistreatment they saw that they risked everything to come forward and reveal what goes on "behind the scenes."

In addition to our lawsuit, we need people who care about animals--people--to do a few simple things to put an end to this cruelty. Check the following to see if Ringling will be appearing in or near your town. If it is, please



Please visit the Circus Spoils website for helping you with humane entertainment.

1. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper(s) and to other media outlets in your area. You can do so directly using the letter that follows or you can use that letter to write one of your own. To find the newspapers in your area, go to [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org) and use the Media Guide. The Media Guide will provide you with letters on your behalf or give you the addresses you need to send them.
2. Tell your friends, family, and coworkers not to go to the circus! Click here to see the circus schedule.
3. Encourage local merchants, such as grocery stores and radio stations, to participate in Ringling Bros. promotions--from putting up posters to giving away free or discounted tickets.
4. Contact the arena that is hosting Ringling Bros. and ask them to withdraw their invitation or, at the very least, not to invite them back next year.
5. Urge your state representatives to support legislation to ban the use of elephants in circuses. Please click on the "**Take Action Now**" button to lobby for this issue. Click here to download a copy of our model legislation regarding the use of exotic animals in performances.

People go to the circus because they love animals. We need your help to spread the message that by going to the circus, people are unwittingly supporting elephant abuse.

**Thanks for taking the time to speak out on behalf of the animals**

**Click on the "Take Action Now" link above to lobby for this issue**