Fight for Animals Abused in Traveling Shows

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- Protects public safety

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Intense confinement

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Bullhooks, whips, electric prods

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Bullhook injury
USDA licensure is not evidence of good animal care!

- **Weak standards**
  - Animal Welfare Act (AWA) establishes only minimal guidelines
  - AWA fails to require modern best practices

- **Poor enforcement**
  - Office of Inspector General critical of USDA for weak enforcement
  - Enforcement problems are getting worse
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Growing momentum

- 174 municipalities
- Several statewide bans, including our neighbors NY, RI, NJ
- MA ongoing
- Stamford, Bridgeport

Action needed to help animals abused in traveling shows: Ask your state legislators to support HB 5293 with NO amendments.

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Beulah’s Bill

- Commerford Zoo’s Beulah, forced to perform while sick, died at The Big E in West Springfield.
- Photo taken on 9/14/19, twelve hours before Beulah died.
- Commerford Zoo is based in Goshen, CT.

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What you can do

Ask your state representative and state senator to SUPPORT HB 5293. Let them know that you care about animals and that you VOTE!

Write letters to the editor in support of HB 5293; social media

Spread the word to other voters!

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