

## TOOLS OF THE TRADE:



### Bullhooks

A bullhook is a stick with a sharp metal hook on the end. Animal trainers often hide bullhooks from public view by refraining from using them in the spotlight or holding them against their legs. You may have to look closely to see them.

**Yes**, I saw a bullhook being used:

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How many times \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the bullhook was used \_\_\_\_\_

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### Whips

**Yes**, I saw a whip being used:

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How many times \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the whip was used \_\_\_\_\_

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### Muzzles

**Yes**, I saw muzzles being used:

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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### Chains

Chains are primarily used to restrain elephants in transport and in between shows. Look for elephants before or after the show—they will usually be chained.

**Yes**, I saw chains being used:

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the chains were used \_\_\_\_\_

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# CIRCUS CHECK

Here are some basic signs that a performing animal has been abused or needs help. Can you spot any at this circus?

## ANIMALS FORCED TO:

### Jump through fiery hoops

**Yes**, this trick was performed:

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The following behaviors were observed:

- Animal reared up or cowered.
- Animal limped or showed signs of pain.
- Animal tried to "fight back."
- Animal refused to perform trick.
- Animal bobbed head or swayed.
- Animal was restrained or punished.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### Walk on hind legs

**Yes**, this trick was performed:

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The following behaviors were observed:

- Animal reared up or cowered.
- Animal limped or showed signs of pain.
- Animal tried to "fight back."
- Animal refused to perform trick.
- Animal bobbed head or swayed.
- Animal was restrained or punished.
- Animal's hair was singed or blisters were seen on front paws. (*Animals may have their front paws burned to force them onto their hind legs.*)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### Balance on balls

**Yes**, this trick was performed:

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

The following behaviors were observed:

- Animal reared up or cowered.
- Animal limped or showed signs of pain.
- Animal tried to "fight back."
- Animal refused to perform trick.
- Animal bobbed head or swayed.
- Animal was restrained or punished.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### Perform other unnatural, painful, or frightening acts

**Yes**, other acts were performed:

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the "act" \_\_\_\_\_

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## PHYSICAL SIGNS THAT AN ANIMAL MAY BE IN TROUBLE:



### Scars

**Yes**, I observed scars:

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the location and size of the scars \_\_\_\_\_

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### Missing hair

**Yes**, I observed hair loss (*this can be a sign of self-mutilation or malnutrition*):

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the hair loss \_\_\_\_\_

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### Underweight

**Yes**, animal(s) appeared thin:

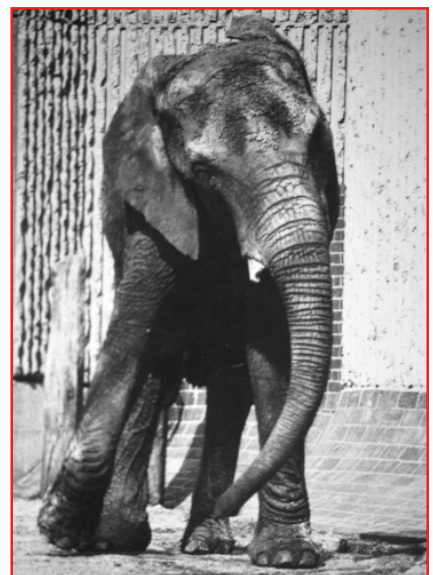
Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the animal's condition \_\_\_\_\_

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## BEHAVIORAL SIGNS THAT AN ANIMAL MAY BE IN TROUBLE:



**Swaying** (rolling, swaying motion from side to side)

**Yes**, I observed swaying:

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe \_\_\_\_\_

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### Continuous pacing

**Yes**, I observed pacing:

Type of animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe \_\_\_\_\_

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