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Using animals for performances and in traveling shows is incredibly cruel and inhumane. They are denied every natural instinct and behavior and this not only violates the rights of nature, but the rights of these animals. They are confined for long periods of time and more often that not, cruel methods are used to train them. Just because you are able to do something doesn't mean that it should be done. Dressing up animals and forcing them to perform tricks and stunts for human entertainment strips these animals of their dignity. It's 2023 and there is enough scientific literature that supports that animals are intelligent, sentient individuals and we, as humans, should seriously question some of the outdated practices that animals are subjected to. We, as a society, should do better. Please do the right thing and ban the use of animals in traveling shows.