

AND JUSTICE FOR ANIMALS PODCAST

JAN CREAMER & TIM PHILLIPS, ANIMAL DEFENDERS INTERNATIONAL (ADI) – SHUTTING DOWN CIRCUSES WORLDWIDE IS JUST THE BEGINNING!

SHOW NOTES:

Guest Bio: Founded by Jan Creamer and Tim Phillips, Animal Defenders International (ADI) has offices in Los Angeles, London, and Bogota (Colombia), and works globally to end the suffering of animals and protect wild animals. ADI undertakes long term undercover investigations inside cruel industries to gather evidence in order to create awareness and secure public support for legislation to end the suffering of animals. As a result of ADI's campaigning, national restrictions on performing animals in traveling circuses have been enacted in 45 countries

ADI currently has a federal bill to ban the use of wild animals in circuses before the US Congress – TEAPSPA (Traveling Exotic Animal & Public Safety Protection Act). In the United States, 87 jurisdictions in 31 states have taken action to restrict wild animals from traveling circuses. Hundreds of local ordinances are in place around the world, including in the UK, Europe, and South America.

In Bolivia and Peru ADI tracked down and raided every circus and rescued every animal, saving close to 200 animals. ADI's team is currently helping the Guatemalan authorities enforce their circus ban and has already saved 9 tigers and 6 lions from circuses.

ADI is in the process of opening its own Wildlife Sanctuary in South Africa specifically to give circus animals, like lions, back the life that has been denied them.

SHOW TIMELINE AND IMPORTANT MENTIONS:

:37 - Animal Defenders Introduction

2:27 - Why banning circuses is agreed upon by the mass public.

5:05 – Why Latin America is better than US and UK in dealing with animal abuse.

6:40 – The importance of social media in campaigns.

7:35 – The ADI process, what are the steps?

8:03 – The politicians are out of step with the public. And the circus industry is in bed with many politicians.

11:57 – The importance of science backing up claims to prove abuse. Actually more jobs for people in circuses once you get rid of animals.

13:34 – Bolivia circus ban, the first country to ban circuses. 2009.

14:16 – Lion Ark the movie. Peru, all circus animals have been removed.

16:00 – The ADT team and process of rescuing the animals. It gets fiery.

20:30 – Creating the holding centers for the rescued animals.

21:54 – Building the ADI Sanctuary.

23:00 – Sun and Moon the tigers, first time playing in water.

24:27 – The small steps can sometimes be the most rewarding. Nina the lion.
26:13 – Catnip for the Lions. It brings them to life.
27:44 – Strive to give animals their life back. Lions are the most social of all the cats.
28:59 – Rescuing spider monkeys, Valerie and Pepe.
29:45 – Isolating animals is one of the cruelest things you can do.
30:37 – A cultural shift is happening. Science has caught up proving animals need families. It is now going the way of the animals.

“I think we will see in my lifetime an end to circus animal suffering.” Tim Phillips

33:55 – Banning Animal Testing - breakthroughs are happening.
36:15 – More awareness around factory farming, that it is not sustainable.
37:51 – Vegan food popping up everywhere.
39:23 – Some of their rescues going to:
Big Cat Rescue in Florida
Tigers For Tomorrow
41:16 – Leo the Lion, being reunited with his mate and two daughters.
43:16 – Leo getting a root canal and seeing his daughter, Africa through the fence. *See the video on their website.
45:06 – Toto, age 25, the chimpanzee, alone for at least a decade, chained, living in a packing crate, rescued and united with several other chimps, including Madonna, age 5.
CHIMFUSHI RESCUE rescue – <https://www.chimfunshi.de/en/>
48:26 – Baby chimp trafficking.
49:13 – Our job as rescuers is to let them go.
49:47 – The horrible truth of exotic pet ownership in the USA.
50:51 – The Big Cat Safety Act. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1818>
53:11 – How to be an investigator for ADI.
54:28 – Have Trunk Will Travel example, the most important thing is to get the footage and expose the abusers.
56:57 – Three top things we all can do to help animals. #1, Contact your representatives, #2, get involved with ADI.
1:00:00 – The costs of building a sanctuary.

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