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The following information might be of interest as they relate to a group of leading Australian traditional circuses, both with and without exotics.

Since 2003 my business (Aladdin's Ticketing/365tix) has provided online ticketing services for a number of Australian travelling circuses.

During every year, each of the two circuses that present exotic as well as domestic animals, sell substantially more seats than each of the other circuses that only present domestic animals.

The policy of these two "exotic" circuses is not only dictated by patron satisfaction. The managements are aware of their responsibility to help preserve the very essence of circus with all animals, both domestic and exotic.

Circus is part of human culture in many parts of the world. As such, it is gradually being introduced into the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

I will be pleased to try and provide other information as I was a co-founder in 2008 of the World Circus Federation, based in Monte Carlo.

Yours sincerely

