

Guidelines for management and maintenance of elephants in circuses

1. For the purpose of easy identification, each elephant should be implanted with microchips in consultation with the respective Chief Wildlife Warden of the State.
2. The elephants should be kept tied only in one leg with chain/ rope covered by leather tubes, the legs for tying may be kept changing.
3. Only in case of any elephant (male/female) is excited, irritated or creating any problem or in musth, the elephants should be more securely tied (may be tied on more than one leg) or other restraining measures can be taken.
4. Daily walk/ exercise for atleast two hours in the early morning hours should be given to the all elephants.
5. Tree fodder like peepal (*Ficus religiosa*), jamun (*Schizigium cumini*) and neem (*Azardiractha indica*) should be provided along with the branches.
6. Treatment records should be kept as per the proforma provided by the Central Zoo Authority.
7. Faecal samples of the animals should be examined periodically in the laboratory.
8. Screening against infectious and contagious diseases should be made regularly.
9. Birth, death and acquisition report should be submitted to the Central Zoo Authority at the end of each financial year.
10. The circus must procure a set of tranquilizing equipment with essential drugs for meeting the emergencies particularly when they have a young bull elephant which is coming to musth.