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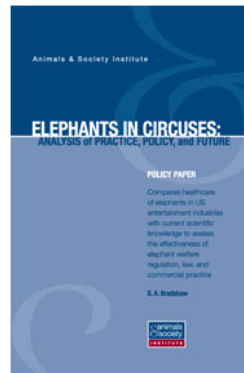
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Elephants in Circuses Policy Paper

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We recently published our third policy paper, "Elephants in Circuses: Analysis of practice, Policy and Future" by G. A. Bradshaw, Ph.D. The paper addresses the history, use and treatment of elephants captured or bred for use in U.S. circuses. Dr. Bradshaw is an adjunct professor at Pacifica Graduate Institute in California whose research focuses on the psychophysiological effects of trauma on elephants.

In this paper, Dr. Bradshaw describes how captivity, transport and training affect the well-being of elephants and outlines how such trauma and stress are manifested. She also gives an overview of current U.S. law pertaining to captive elephants. She concludes that "current understanding of elephant psychobiology, ethology and ecology indicates that existing standards regulating the care and health of elephants in captivity are highly inadequate and require revision," and recommends that elephants kept in closed confinement be transferred to sanctuaries.

The ASI encourages anyone interested in promoting the well-being of captive elephants to obtain a copy of this paper and use it to educate legislators and other policy makers to make meaningful and immediate changes to the way in which elephants are used in this country. The cost is only \$10 for ASI members and \$15 for nonmembers.

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