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OF NEW YORK**

**POLITICAL ACTION FOR ANIMALS**

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**MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT FOR A464/S2098**

**A bill to prohibit the use of elephants in entertainment acts**

The purpose of the *Elephant Protection Act A464/S2098* is to safeguard elephants from the physical and psychological harm inflicted upon them by living conditions, treatment, and cruel methods used to train elephants to perform in entertainment acts. Elephants are social and intelligent animals. They are “trained” starting at the age of 18-24 months, often through “breaking”, the use of extreme physical restraint and bodily harm to gain submission. Entertainment elephants are trained with cruel techniques to control and punish them by using bull hooks, electric shocks, metal bars, whips, and chaining. They are denied positive mental and physical stimulation, lack proper exercise and are restrained by chains for up to twenty-two hours a day. Painful foot diseases and arthritis, caused by being forced to stand for long hours, are the leading cause of death amongst captive elephants. Captivity can create stress and dangerous situations for elephants who have no choice but to co-exist with other elephants who may or may not be compatible. Many die decades short of their expected lifespan. In the wild they live in matriarchal herds and are active for 18 hours a day, foraging for fresh vegetation, playing, bathing in rivers, and travelling as far as 30 miles in one day. The use of elephants in entertainment provides a false and inaccurate educational experience for children and adults.



**THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS® OF NEW YORK STRONGLY  
SUPPORTS THIS BILL.**

Sincerely,

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