

What's In A Name? Man Changes His To 'CircusesHurtAnimals.Com'

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PETA Foundation Staffer
Shows His .commitment to
Helping Animals Used in
Circuses



Hello. My name is
CircusesHurtAnimals.com.

— The PETA Foundation staffer formerly known as Dan Carron is getting a fresh start in 2012 in a very big way—he's taking on a whole new identity. In an effort to continuously point out that

[circuses beat](#), whip, and shock animals to force them to perform silly tricks, the committed activist has legally changed his name to [CircusesHurtAnimals.com](#)—the address of PETA's new website devoted to information about circus cruelty—and he has the [driver's license](#) to prove it.

"Circuses go to great lengths to conceal the fact that elephants, tigers, and other animals forced to perform in their shows suffer a lifetime of abuse," says CircusesHurtAnimals.com. "Whenever anyone asks for or reads my name, they'll learn the truth—that when animals used by the circus aren't locked away in barren cages or dark, cramped trailers, they're violently forced to perform grueling and painful tricks."

CircusesHurtAnimals.com decided to boycott the circus after learning how circuses confine elephants, big cats, bears,

and primates to filthy boxcars or trucks and drag them around the country in all weather extremes. But when he attended a Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus elephant walk and saw how the trainers used bullhooks—heavy steel-hooked rods that resemble fireplace pokers—to intimidate the elephants in full view of the public, he decided to move beyond a personal boycott and dedicate his time, energy, *and name* to encourage everyone to patronize only animal-free entertainment.

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CircusesHurtAnimals.com is using that simple introduction to draw awareness to the circus's routine animal abuse.

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PETA focuses its attention on the four areas in which the largest numbers of animals suffer the most intensely for the longest periods of time: on factory farms, in laboratories, in the clothing trade, and in the entertainment industry.

We also work on a variety of other issues, including the cruel killing of beavers, birds and other "pests," and the abuse of backyard dogs.

PETA works through public education, cruelty investigations, research, animal rescue, legislation, special events, celebrity involvement, and protest campaigns.

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