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Circus charged with cruelty to animals

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ST. JOHN'S - Charges of cruelty to animals have been laid against two employees of a circus act that recently toured Newfoundland.

Summonses were served to Charles Amaral and Derek Rosaire Ross on Prince Edward Island where the George Carden Circus is now performing.

Each man faces five charges. Four are Criminal Code charges and one falls under Newfoundland's Animal Protection Act.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals made the complaints about the circus.

The alleged offences include causing unnecessary pain and suffering to five bears, eight ponies and three elephants.

The men are also accused of negligence for allegedly failing to provide water and care for the elephants.



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