

87 Bullets Did Not Kill Tyke... Life in the Circus Did

In the end, she could only lift herself on her front feet and swing her trunk, pathetically trying to ward off the bullets. It was the sickest thing I'd ever seen and I've been shooting news for over twenty years. I just feel empty inside... Carl Viti, Photographer



Elephants in the circus are separated from their families, chained and shackled, threatened with bullhooks and electric prods. With their every natural instinct thwarted, is it any wonder that since 1994, 25 of these highly intelligent, endangered animals have died of unnatural causes in the "entertainment" industry? Among them was Tyke, who ran for her freedom and lost her life.

One of the animals who died this year was Kenny, a baby elephant with **Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus**. Forced to perform while sick and crying, he lay down in his stall after the last performance and died. Ringling Bros. has been repeatedly cited for violations of the Animal Welfare Act and other federal regulations and recently settled out of court for the death of Kenny.

It's time to get animal acts out of the circus. Join us for a vigil for Kenny at the Ringling Bros. show on **Saturday, October 10, 6:30pm at the Denver Coliseum.**

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