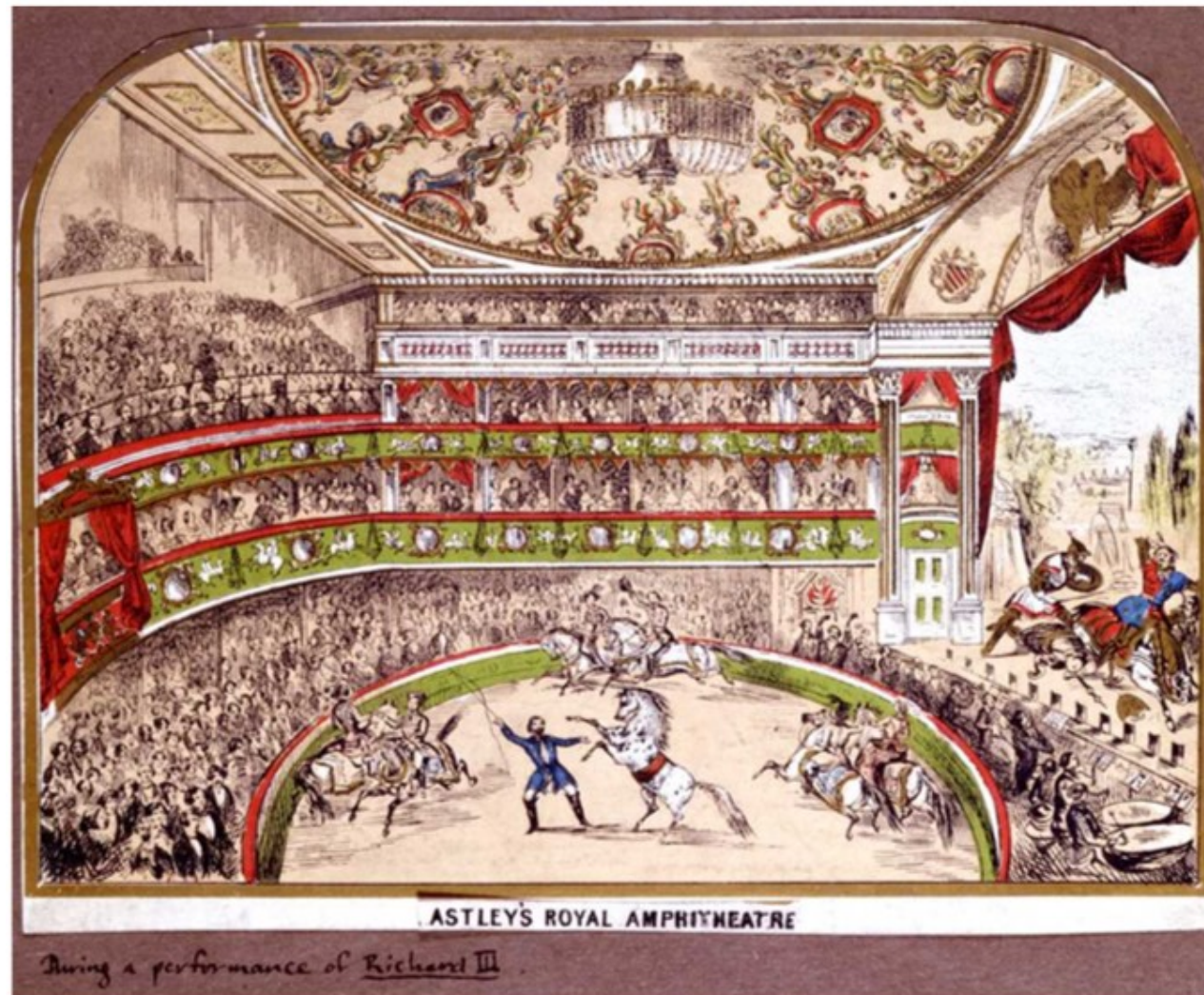




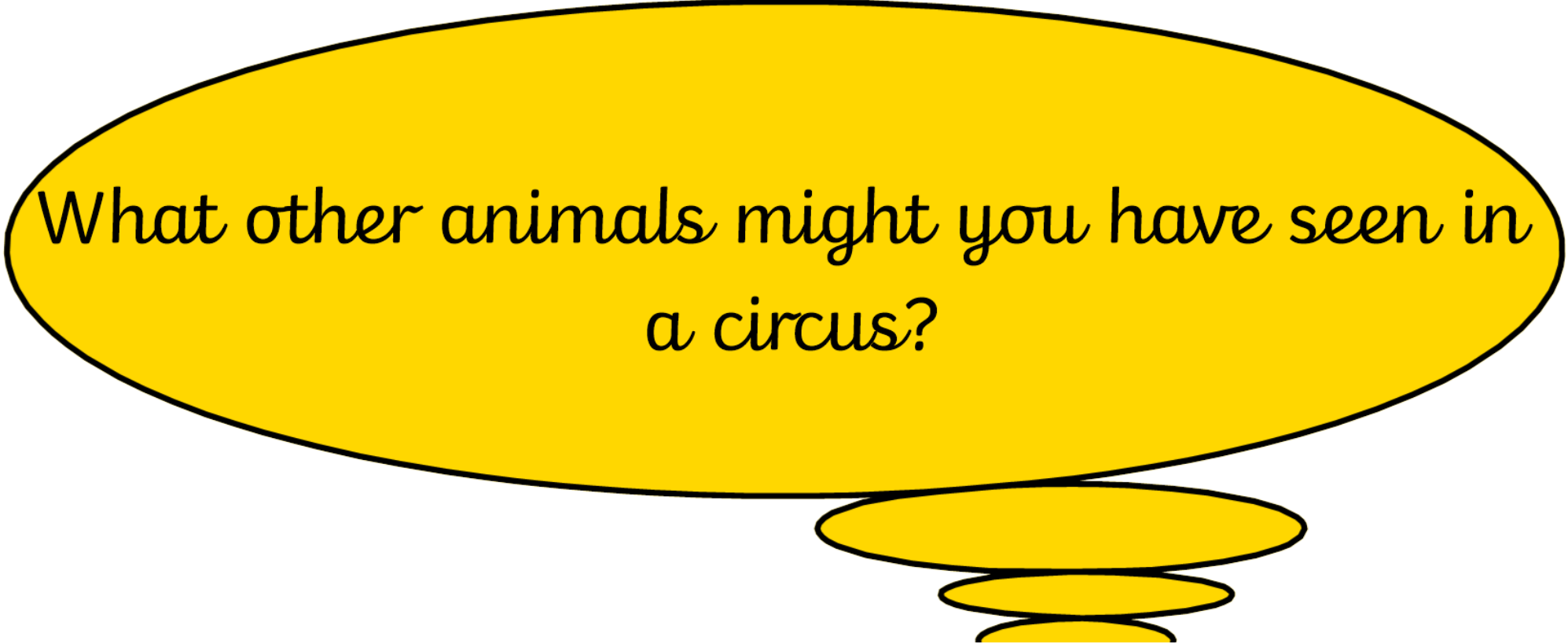
*Should animals be used  
in the circus?*

The first animals were used in Philip Astley's circus in 1768.



Astley began by using horses but this was the beginning of many different animals being used.

What other animals might you have seen in a circus?







The first elephant was used in the circus in 1808  
by Barnam and Bailey.



*In 1838, tigers and lions were introduced to British circuses. One of the most famous acts was the lion tamer putting his head inside the head of the lion.*





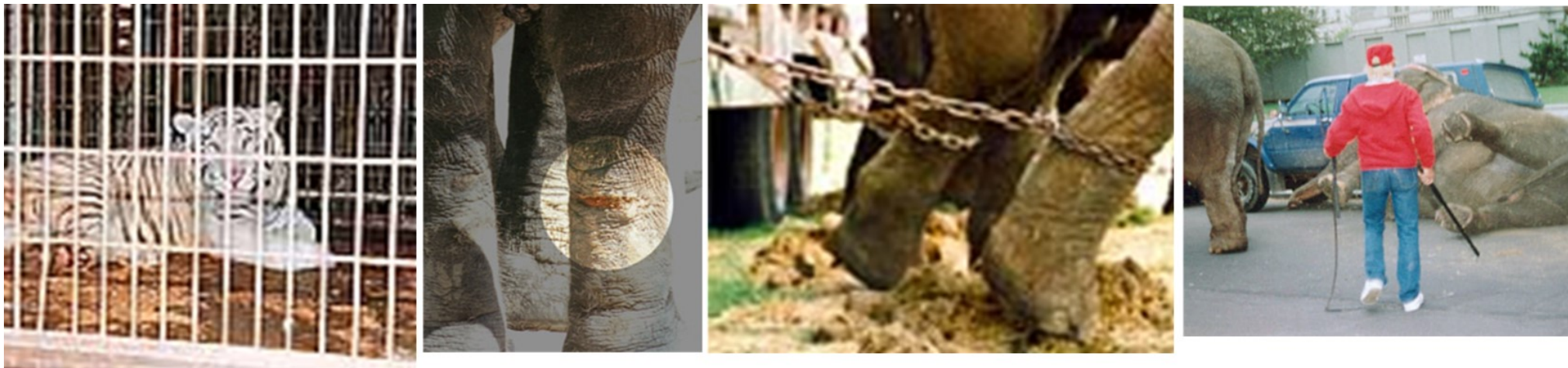
Since then, many other exotic animals have been a big part of circus life.





*In the 1800s, animals were used to excite audiences to make them want to come to the circus. This was effective as it was a new form of entertainment that had never been seen before. Some circuses made audiences pay extra to see the 'beast' at the end of the show. Trainers wanted the animals to perform wild and violent tricks, to make as much money as possible. To get them to do this, trainers had to use violent techniques to tame the animals.*





Do you think this should be allowed?



These are some of the weapons used to tame the animals.



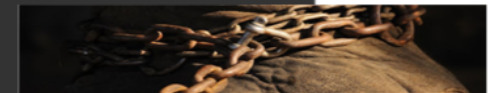
**Bull Hooks**

**Clubs**



**Whips**

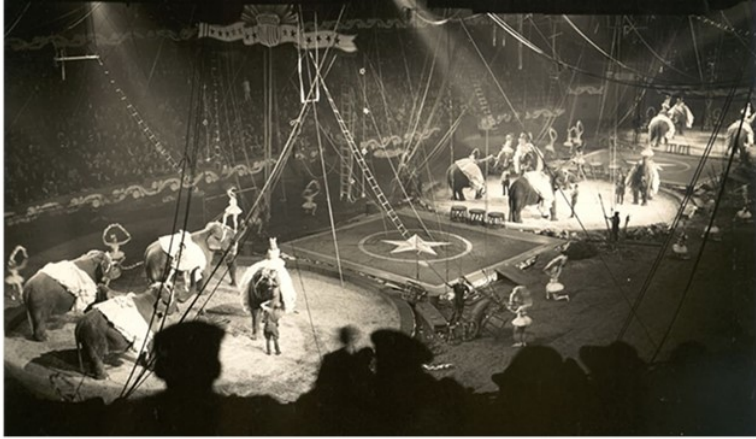
**CHAINS**



**Bats**

**Muzzles**





By the 1900s, audiences were starting to feel sorry for animals at the circuses because they could see how much they were being hurt by their trainers. As a result, animals were not as popular and new stunts were invented such as knife swallowing. In the 1960s, Gunther Gebel-Williams was a popular animal trainer because he did not use whips, pistols or chains to hurt the animals. Some trainers still used cruelty towards the animals but this was not popular.





*In the 2000s, animal rights activists were now trying to shut down the remaining circuses which still use animals because of the cruelty and violence. The majority of circus owners now focus more on stunts and acrobatics to wow their audiences.*