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This goat demonstrates his balancing ability at the Cirque Des Etoiles. Close to 700 people attended the two shows on June 30.
 Photo by Angie Saunders

Circus cats thrill crowds

By Monica Wenzlaff

On June 30, the circus came to Terrace Bay, and along with it came Sheba, Simone and Geronimo.

The huge cats thrilled and terrified crowds as they danced, played dead, and jumped through flaming hoops only a few feet away from seated spectators.

exercise they need. But on the road, the cats usually gain weight because they are confined to small cages in the back of the trailer that acts as a second home to Conny, Helge and the cats.

"We feed them and clean them. We're with them 24 hours a day," said Conny, who thinks of her pets as part of the family.

"When they haven't performed for awhile they do a great show because they miss it," said Conny Dam, who owns and trains the two leopards and the jaguar Geronimo. She, along with her husband Helge drove from their home in Tampa Bay, Florida to perform with the CIRQUE DES ETOILES for most of the summer.

Huge appetites

The three cats eat about 25lbs. of raw beef or chicken daily. They are also fed egg yolks and milk twice a week to keep their fur healthy. Conny and Helge try to always keep at least 400lbs. of meat in their freezer in the trailer for the cats.

Conny began her circus career in Denmark when she was a child. Her father was a bear trainer, and she travelled all over Europe with him as he performed. Her husband Helge was also involved with the circus in Denmark.

Conny said that her cats like the cool weather here in Northern Ontario because leopards live in mountains in the wild. Yet she said she's always worried that they might get a draft and catch a cold.

When the family moved to the United States, Conny and Helge helped her father with the bear show, but then decided to try an act of their own. Twelve years ago, they bought their cats.

"They like the weather as long as it's not below 0. So far they're healthy, knock on wood," said Conny, recalling a Christmas show she performed in five years ago in Thunder Bay.

"We bought them from animal dealers, just like you buy a car," said Conny, yet she admitted that they had to get through a lot of "red tape" before they could purchase the one-year-old animals.

"It was so cold in the trailer that the cushions froze to the walls!"

Training

Conny and Helge spent over a year training the cats before they were ready to perform. Now, the cats are so familiar with the act that they need very little practice, even if they haven't performed for a month.

Although the cats were born in captivity, they are still wild animals and they always will be. Conny used to walk her animals on a leash but she found it too dangerous because people would try to pet the cats.

"Once they have learned they always remember what they have to do. Sometimes, we just practice for the exercise," said Conny.

"They're wild animals, and they just don't take to everyone," said Conny.

At home, the cats have huge pens so that they can get all the

Conny and Helge will be travelling through Ontario and Quebec with the Cirque Des Etoiles until August 19. After that, they have two shows booked in Buffalo, and a month-long tour through Minnesota before the road takes them home.

Safety important at Minnova

By Angie Saunders
 The News

Safety is a large factor if you are employed at the Minnova Mine where they just celebrated 6 months without a lost-time accident.

Brian Gemmill, Safety Training Coordinator at Minnova-Winston Lake Division, stated, "We spend a lot of time on training so things are done safely and right."

Minnova, which stands for Mining innovation, is situated on one of the richest ore bodies in Canada, milling about 1,000 tonnes a day of zinc and copper.

The mine presently employs about 168 employees who must all undergo training so their jobs can be carried out safely and efficiently.

There are about 75 employees who work underground. Mr. Gemmill ensured me that the job is not as dirty and frightening as most people think. New men all

undergo common core training for mine beginners which usually takes from four to six weeks. Training continues on an ongoing basis as the mine strives to improve productivity and safety.

Underground workers, who work 8-hour shifts, prepare to go underground by wearing protective eyewear, footwear, and a lighted hardhat.

Earplugs or muffs are provided for areas where huge ventilation fans blow in fresh air.

Water is also piped through the mine to keep down the dust levels making things easier and safer for the miners.

The elevator, called a cage, travels down a 2,500 foot shaft to take men to work in the drifts and stoops where they will extract the ore from solid rock.

The cage is lowered and raised by a huge two-drum hoist operated by one man who must stay alert at his controls because the lives of many men are literally in

his hands.

These stopes and drifts are made mostly by huge automated machines called jumbo drills. Extensive training is required to operate one.

The ceilings of rock are reinforced with rock bolts that can hold up to 9 tonnes or more. These are installed using jackleg and stoper rock drills.

The ore is mined from the lowest level up so the area where the rock has already been mined can be filled in with waste rock.

Explosives are used to break the rock apart so it can be transported back to the surface for milling. The miners drill holes with long hole drills which can accommodate an attachment of up to 80 feet. The explosives are placed in these holes. The blasting is done from the surface and no one is allowed underground at the time.

The ore is transported by huge

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