



NSPCA Wildlife Protection Unit

Lion Holding Facility Inspection Checklist

Facility name	Buffsfontain Nature and Game			
NSPCA Inspector/s				
Local SPCA Inspector	Patrick Chirwa			
Inspection Type (Routine/Complaint)	Complaint			
Under Warrant (Y/N)				
Date	06/05/22	Existing		New
Time in:	10:00	Time out:	10:40	
Owner / Operator	Paul Laubser			
Owner Contact number	072 356 4797			
Owner E-mail	info@buffsfontain.co.za			
Physical Address	227 West Coast Road			
Accompanied by	Inspector Fortuin			
Magisterial District	Swartland			
Province	Western Cape			
GPS location	Buffsfontain Game and Nature Reserve			
Attitude of Owner	Friendly			
Attitude of Staff	Friendly			

Lion Age & Sex Ratio Composition								
Adult		Sub-adult			Cubs			Total
M	F	M	F	Un	M	F	Un	
3	5							8

General Questions	
1. TOPS Permit (Y/N) (Seen/Denied):	No Tops Permit
2. PAPAA Licence (Y/N) (Seen/Denied):	Confirmed by Cape Nature
3. Management Plan (Y/N) Seen/Denied):	Yes as Confirmed by Cape Nature
4. Animal Emergency Plan, i.e. measures & facilities available for sick & injured lion (Y/N) (What):	There is a quarantine area to keep sick or injured lions separate until the veterinarian comes
5. Lion Escape Plan (Y/N) (What):	Yes search and dart the lion
6. Physically observe & ask if security measures are in place to prevent poaching (Electric fences /Trenches/Guards/Other):	Electric fences
7. Electric fence & Power failure back up system (Y/N) (What):	Yes, Generators
8. Electric fences of lion enclosures in working order (Y/N):	Yes
9. Method of emergency euthanasia:	To contact the vet or shoot if necessary
10. Methods to destroy lions for consumptive purposes, e.g. lion bones:	Burn and bury the bones

Facility Type	
Restricted Activities (mark with X)	Description (Purpose of the facility)
1. Captive Breeding Operation (Working or Ranch lions)	
2. Commercial Exhibition Facility	X Game drives
2.1 Cub Petting/Interactions/Display/etc.	
3. Hunting Operations	
4. Registered Wildlife Trader	
5. Rehabilitation Facility	
6. Sanctuary	
7. Scientific Institution	
8. Trade (International: Live / Dead) (Domestic: Buy, sell, donate, acquire, etc.)	
9. Other	

*Question 6: Facilities are in their right not to provide full details for security measures to prevent poaching, due to liabilities & not to risk inspectors to be suspected of involvement if a poaching activity occurs after an inspection. Therefore, just observe & ask if they have measures in place, as it remains an animal welfare concern.

General Questions Continued

11. Veterinarian / Services (Y/N) (Who): Dr Jannie Van der Merwe
12. Curative & preventative veterinary medicine used (Y/N): No
- (Parasite): yes
- (Vaccine): yes
- (Flies): fly spray
- (Other):
13. Biosecurity measures in place to prevent spread of zoonotic diseases (Staff) (Y/N) (What): Disinfectant
14. Physiological and physical health of lions monitored & record keeping (Y/N): yes
- 14.1 Record Seen/Denied: Seen
- 14.2 Frequency of monitoring: Every day by staff
15. Diet: Source of meat (e.g. local abattoir): chicken
16. Diet: Type of meat (e.g. donkey, game, etc.): 80% chicken 20% red meat
17. Diet: Amount per animal & feeding frequency (e.g. 5kg per adult, 4kg per sub-adult every 3 days): 8 kg of meat per day
18. Diet: Other dietary needs provided (bones, sinews, organs, etc.): Bones
19. Diet: Supplements (Y/N) (Type): Protein powder
20. Hygiene: Food storage & preparation area (e.g. fly control, disinfectant): yes
fly control
21. Hygiene: Enclosure cleaning routine & frequency: Enclosure and camps are cleaned 3 times a week
22. Enrichment & frequency: The camp is 1 hectare, trees and hiding spaces in the camp
23. Member of South African Predators Association (Y/N):
24. Other species:

Utilization of lions

Captive Lion Hunting Operations

1. Source of lions used for captive hunt (Ranch Lion or Working Lion):
2. Lion release period prior to hunt:
3. Size of hunting camp in m²:
4. Captive hunting release camp specifications (cultivated land, natural veld, wild prey available, water available, unnatural structures, etc.):
- N/A

Utilization of lions

Working Lions

*Lions open to public for exhibition & interaction purposes are considered as working lions.

1. Duration of public viewing of lions on display (e.g. 08:00 -17:00/per appointment only/via guided tour): Via guided tour
2. Type of interactions conducted at facility: Cub petting/Photographs/Lion walks/Other:
3. Time of interaction (e.g. 08:00am & 15:00pm every day):
4. Frequency & Duration of interaction per type (e.g. At 08:00am & 15:00pm daily for 2 hours per lion walk): Lions are in camps so there is no interaction with humans
5. Cub-petting age start: No Age stop:
6. Safety avoidance facility for cubs (Y/N) (What):
7. Biosecurity measures in place to prevent spread of zoonotic disease (Public) (Y/N) (What):

8. Interactions monitored by staff (Y/N): No interaction

9. Source of cubs used for petting (trade or in-house breeding):

10. Starting age females are bred with (months): No breeding

11. Planned number of litters per female per year: No breeding

12. Age removed from parent (# of days/weeks/months): No breeding

12.1. Reason: "

13. # of unweaned cubs being hand-reared: "

14. Rearing formula used: "

15. Method of birth control (if any): "

16. Fate of cubs: "

17. Fate of older / surplus lions: Stay with them until they die of old age

18. Paying volunteer system in place (Y/N): No

Comments:

Utilization of lions

Ranch Lions

**Lions exposed to minimal human interaction/imprinting for consumptive utilization purposes, i.e. the facility is not open to the public, are considered as ranch lions.*

1. Starting age females are bred with (months):

2. Planned number of litters per female per year:

3. Age removed from parent (# of days/weeks/months):

3.1 Reason:

4. # of unweaned cubs being hand-reared:

5. Age cubs are weaned from mothers when not removed (weeks / months):

6. Rearing formula used:

7. Methods used to ensure limited human interaction/imprinting of cubs during hand-rearing procedures:

8. Methods used to ensure limited human interaction/imprinting with adult & sub-adult lions

9. Method of birth control (if any):

10. Fate of cubs:

11. Fate of older / surplus lions:

12. Paying volunteer system in place (Y/N):

Comments:

N/A

Communication with relevant Nature Conservation Departments

This section serves to indicate if any issues or contraventions were found that falls under the mandate of provincial nature conservation authorities

1. Name of Nature Conservation Department:

2. Date Reported:

3. Reported to (Name):

4. Contact details of person reported to (Tel & email):

5. Description of issue and/or contravention:

6. Joined prosecution with NSPCA (Y/N) (Description):

They have never been issued
with a warning before by
Cape Nature as confirmed by
Dennie

Compliance Notices Issued

Welfare Category	Description	Period to comply	Compliance (Y/N)

Warnings Issued			
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Section 2 (1) (a)			
Section 2 (1) (b)			
Section 2 (1) (c)			
Section 2 (1) (e)			
Section 2 (1) (f)			

Warnings Issued			
Welfare Category	Description	Period to comply	Compliance (Y/N)
Section 2 (1) (i)			
Section 2 (1) (m)			
Section 2 (1) (p)			
Section 2 (1) (q) & (r)			
1. Prosecution (Y/N): 2. Description:			

Camp #	Working or Ranch Lion	Enclosure type*	Size of camps (m ²)	# of lion per camp (e.g. 2:1:0) (Tawny / White)	Enclosure hygiene (Clean / Requires Cleaning)	Water delivery system & quality	General vegetation & Substrate (concrete; bare, sand, moved lawn; medium/tall grass; trees; shrubs; etc.) Enclosure furnishings (rocks; logs; gum poles; tyres; platforms; enrichment objects; etc.)		Enclosure shade (Y/N)	Separate Feeding / Management Camp (Y/N)	Hiding space (Y/N)	Safety Barriers (Y/N)	Night Room (Y/N) (Access?)
1	Working Lion	Display for adults	7m ²	1:1	Clean	Bohole water		concrete, sand	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
2	working lion	Display for adults	7m ²	1:1	Clean	Bohole water		Concrete, sand	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
3	working Lion	Display for adults	7m ²	1:1	Clean	Bohole water		Concrete, sand	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
4	working Lion	Display for adults	7m ²	2:1	Clean	Bohole water		Concrete, sand	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
5	working Lion	Display for adults	7m ²	2:1	clean	Bohole water		Trees, sand	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
6	working lion	Display for adults	7m ²	2:1	clean	Bohole water		Trees, sand	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
7	working lion	Display for adults	7m ²	6:1	clean	Bohole water		Trees, sand	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
8	working Lion	Display for adults	7m ²	2:1	clean	Bohole water		Trees, grass, sand	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

*Working lion: (Maternity, breeding, treatment/quarantine, display for adult, sub-adult or cubs, cub petting, back of house, etc.)

*Ranch lion: (Maternity, breeding, treatment/quarantine, cub keeping enclosure, sub-adult keeping enclosure, adult keeping enclosure, nursery, etc.)