



NSPCA Wildlife Protection Unit

Lion Holding Facility Inspection Checklist

Facility name	Butterbstein
NSPCA Inspector/s	
Local SPCA Inspector	J. OTOBER
Inspection Type (Routine/Complaint)	Routine
Under Warrant (Y/N)	
Date	19/05/23
Time in:	14:00
Time out:	15:00
Owner / Operator	Paul Loubser
Owner Contact number	072 356 4797
Owner E-mail	
Physical Address	R27 West Coast Rd
Accompanied by	
Magisterial District	Sewardland
Province	West Coast
GPS location	
Attitude of Owner	Good
Attitude of Staff	Good

Facility Type	
Restricted Activities (mark with X)	Description (Purpose of the facility)
1. Captive Breeding Operation (Working or Ranch lions)	
2. Commercial Exhibition Facility	Game Drives
2.1 Cub Petting/Interactions/Display/etc.	No cubs
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 serve & ask if they have measures in place, as it remains an animal welfare concern.

Lion Age & Sex Ratio Composition							
Adult		Sub-adult			Cubs		Total
M	F	M	F	Un	M	F	Un
1	5	1					7

General Questions	
1. TOPS Permit (Y/N) (Seen/Denied):	No Tops permit
2. PAPAA Licence (Y/N) (Seen/Denied):	Expiry Date:
3. Management Plan (Y/N) Seen/Denied):	
4. Animal Emergency Plan, i.e. measures & facilities available for sick & injured lion (Y/N) (What):	Yes, quarantine facilities new observed for sick animals
5. Lion Escape Plan (Y/N) (What):	Yes, don't let 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):	Generator
8. Electric fences of lion enclosures in working order (Y/N):	Yes
9. Method of emergency euthanasia:	Contract the vet
10. Methods to destroy lions for consumptive purposes, e.g. lion bones:	Burn, bury the bones

General Questions Continued

11. Veterinarian / Services (Y/N) (Who): Dr. Tjanne
12. Curative & preventative veterinary medicine used (Y/N): No
- (Parasite): Yes
- (Vaccine): Yes
- (Flies): Yes
- (Other):
13. Biosecurity measures in place to prevent spread of zoonotic diseases (Staff) (Y/N) (What): Yes, F10
14. Physiological and physical health of lions monitored & record keeping (Y/N): Yes
- 14.1 Record Seen/Denied: Yes
- 14.2 Frequency of monitoring: Every day
15. Diet: Source of meat (e.g. local abattoir): Chicken
16. Diet: Type of meat (e.g. donkey, game, etc.):
17. Diet: Amount per animal & feeding frequency (e.g. 5kg per adult, 4kg per sub-adult every 3 days): 8kg per lion
18. Diet: Other dietary needs provided (bones, sinews, organs, etc.):
19. Diet: Supplements (Y/N) (Type): Yes Protein
20. Hygiene: Food storage & preparation area (e.g. fly control, disinfectant): Yes
21. Hygiene: Enclosure cleaning routine & frequency: 3x times a week
22. Enrichment & frequency: Yes
23. Member of South African Predators Association (Y/N): Yes
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.):

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): No interaction with lions
5. Cub-petting age start: 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):

11. Planned number of litters per female per year:

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

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:

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

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:

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):
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5. Description of issue and/or contravention:
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6. Joined prosecution with NSPCA (Y/N) (Description):
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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:			

