



NSPCA Wildlife Protection Unit

Lion Holding Facility Inspection Checklist

Facility name	butterfontein Game Reserve			
NSPCA Inspector/s				
Local SPCA Inspector	J. OCTOBER			
Inspection Type (Routine/Complaint)	Complaint			
Under Warrant (Y/N)	N			
Date	19/10/23	Existing		New
Time in:	8:44	Time out:	10:00	
Owner / Operator	Paul Koubser			
Owner Contact number	082 892 0559			
Owner E-mail	marketing@butterfontein.co.za			
Physical Address	R27 West Coast Rd, T345			
Accompanied by				
Magisterial District	Swartland			
Province	Western Cape			
GPS location	33°15'56.0"S 18°13'08.3"E			
Attitude of Owner	Friendly			
Attitude of Staff	Friendly			

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.

Lion Age & Sex Ratio Composition								
Adult		Sub-adult			Cubs			Total
M	F	M	F	Un	M	F	Un	
2	5							7

General Questions	
1. TOPS Permit (Y/N) (Seen/Denied):	No TOPS Permit
2. PAPAA Licence (Y/N) (Seen/Denied):	Yes Expiry Date: 30/01/24
3. Management Plan (Y/N) Seen/Denied):	Yes
4. Animal Emergency Plan, i.e. measures & facilities available for sick & injured lion (Y/N) (What):	Yes, they have a quarantine area for sick animals
5. Lion Escape Plan (Y/N) (What):	Yes, shoot or dart
6. Physically observe & ask if security measures are in place to prevent poaching (Electric fences /Trenches/Guards/Other):	Yes, electric fencing
7. Electric fence & Power failure back up system (Y/N) (What):	Yes Generator
8. Electric fences of lion enclosures in working order (Y/N):	Yes
9. Method of emergency euthanasia:	To call the vet and shoot if necessary
10. Methods to destroy lions for consumptive purposes, e.g. lion bones:	Bury the lion

General Questions Continued

11. Veterinarian / Services (Y/N) (Who): Yes, TAA Animal Hospital
12. Curative & preventative veterinary medicine used (Y/N): No
- (Parasite): Yes, Frontline
- (Vaccine): Yes, Rabies
- (Flies): Frontline fly repellent spray
- (Other):
13. Biosecurity measures in place to prevent spread of zoonotic diseases (Staff) (Y/N) (What): Yes, F10 and gel disinfectant
14. Physiological and physical health of lions monitored & record keeping (Y/N):
- 14.1 Record Seen/Denied:
- 14.2 Frequency of monitoring:
15. Diet: Source of meat (e.g. local abattoir): Rainbow chickens / Beefsteakprotein
16. Diet: Type of meat (e.g. donkey, game, etc.): Chickens / Game
17. Diet: Amount per animal & feeding frequency (e.g. 5kg per adult, 4kg per sub-adult every 3 days): 12kg of meat per day per adult
18. Diet: Other dietary needs provided (bones, sinews, organs, etc.): Bones
Purchased from local abattoirs.
19. Diet: Supplements (Y/N) (Type): They occasionally provide pig grower with their meat
20. Hygiene: Food storage & preparation area (e.g. fly control, disinfectant): I observed fly control bags.
21. Hygiene: Enclosure cleaning routine & frequency: Enclosures are cleaned every Thursday.
22. Enrichment & frequency: Enclosure is 800 square meters and there is a lot of hiding space.
23. Member of South African Predators Association (Y/N): No
24. Other species: Black panther with enrichment

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): Per tour guide
2. Type of interactions conducted at facility: Cub petting/Photographs/Lion walks/Other: Photographs with supervision
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): The lions are in very large natural habitat camps and is impossible for the public to interact with the lions
5. Cub-petting age start: N/A Age stop:
6. Safety avoidance facility for cubs (Y/N) (What): N/A
7. Biosecurity measures in place to prevent spread of zoonotic disease (Public) (Y/N) (What): No interaction with animals.

8. Interactions monitored by staff (Y/N):

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
<i>*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.</i>
1. Starting age females are bred with (<i>months</i>):
2. Planned number of litters per female per year:
3. Age removed from parent (<i># of days/weeks/months</i>):
3.1 Reason:
4. # of unweaned cubs being hand-reared:
5. Age cubs are weaned from mothers when not removed (<i>weeks / months</i>):
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):	
5. Description of issue and/or contravention:	
6. Joined prosecution with NSPCA (Y/N) (Description):	

Butcherbird was never received a warning from Cape Nature.

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

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

