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Animal Welfare Checklist

Cattle - Dairy

Name of Farm: Draerkei FarmPhysical Address: Draerkei, Darling.Postal Address: Darling 7345Owner: Loenie BassonTelephone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: 082 872 7000E-mail: loenie@draerkei.co.zaName of Dairy: Draerkei BreedingMarketing Name: Draerkei Breeding

GPS Co-ordinates: _____

Directions: From Swartland SPCA - Turn
left onto the R315 towards Mper.Turn right at Swartwater farm
turn off - keep straight until you see
Draerkei sign.Date 02/07/24Time arrived 15:00Time departed 16:00

		Satisfactory		Comments
		Yes	No	
1.	Initial observations			
1.1	Are emergency contacts available on entry to the property?	✓		
1.2	Are personnel properly trained to handle cattle?	✓		
1.3	Is there a Disaster Management Plan in place?	✓		
1.4	Are personnel familiar with disaster plans?	✓		
2	Calves			
2.1	Pens/shelter			
2.1.1	Are pens/shelters constructed to avoid injuries to calves?	✓		
2.1.2	Are pens/shelters draught free and provided adequate protection against inclement weather?	✓		
2.1.3	Does the size of the pen/shelter allow calves to stand, lie down and turn around with ease?	✓		
2.1.4	Is bedding provided? If yes, what type?			
2.1.5	How often are pens cleaned?			
2.1.6	Are pens thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to housing new born calf?	✓		
2.1.7	Is flooring constructed and maintained to avoid any injuries to calves?			
2.1.8	Are calves housed individually?	✓		
2.1.9	Are calf pens arranged so that calves can see and hear each other?	✓		
2.1.10	Are calves housed in groups? If so, how many per group?	✓		10

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2.1.11	Are calves housed indoors and if so does lighting allow for animals to be inspected?		✓	
2.1.12	Is lighting too bright as to cause discomfort to animals?	✓		
2.1.13	What is the lighting period?	✓		
2.1.14	Is ventilation sufficient to remove toxic gases and dust?	✓		
2.1.15	Does ventilation maintain airflow without causing draughts?	✓		
2.1.16	Are calves tethered or chained? If so, please describe.		✓	
2.2	Food/water			
2.2.1	At what age are calves removed from their dams?			Day 1
2.2.2	For how long after birth are calves fed colostrum?			10 hours.
2.2.3	In how many feeds is colostrum administered?			4 litres.
2.2.4	If suckling is not possible how much colostrum is given to calves via a stomach tube and in how many feeds?			2 litres.
2.2.5	Are calves bucket fed?	✓		
2.2.6	Are buckets clean?	✓		
2.2.7	Are calves bottle fed?	✓		
2.2.8	Are bottles and teats clean?	✓		
2.2.9	Are calves given milk substitute?	✓		
2.2.10	Are calves given cow's milk?		✓	
2.2.11	How many times a day are calves given milk?			2x day.
2.2.12	How much milk is given per feed?			2 litre
2.2.13	At what temperature is milk fed?			35°C
2.2.14	At what age are calves given concentrates?			21 days

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2.2.15	At what age are calves provided with water?			Day 1 or day
2.2.16	Is roughage provided?			
2.2.17	If calves are in groups is there a system in place to ensure that they are all able to drink at the same time?	✓		
3	Adult cattle			
	Food / water			
3.1	Is grazing available and is it adequate?		✓	
3.2	Type of feed in addition to grazing?			TMR
3.3	Is supplementation provided?	✓	✓	
3.4	Is water provided?	✓		
3.5	Are troughs/containers clean?	✓		
3.6	Are troughs/containers situated so that smallest animal can drink?	✓		
3.7	Are troughs situated to prevent faecal soiling?	✓		
3.8	Can all cattle drink at once?	✓		
3.9	Is any shade or shelter provided for adult cattle?	✓		
3.10	Are shelters designed to avoid injury to cattle?	✓		
3.11	Does shelter provide protection against inclement weather?	✓		
4	Milking			
4.1	At what times are cows milked?			Am - 2:00 - 11:00 Pm - 6:00
4.2	Do cows have access to food whilst waiting to be milked?		✓	
4.3	Do cows have access to water whilst waiting to be milked?		✓	
4.4	Do cows have access to shelter whilst waiting to be milked?	✓		

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4.5	Are cows handled humanely during milking process?	✓		
4.6	Is milk checked to ensure mastitis is not present?	✓		
4.7	How are udders cleaned prior to milking?			Pre dip
4.8	How are udders cleaned after milking?			Post dip
4.9	Are all quarters milked thoroughly?	✓		
4.10	What type of equipment is used?			Waikato
4.11	Is equipment well maintained?	✓		
4.12	Are nipples well maintained?	✓		
4.13	Is floor non slip?	✓		
4.14	Are lactating cows milked prior to removal for transportation or sale?	✓		
5	Health			
5.1	Are routine inoculations and parasite control administered?	✓		
5.2	Are personnel involved in the administration of medicines competent to do so?	✓		
5.3	Are cattle checked daily for sickness/injury?	✓		3X times a day.
5.4	Are sick/injured cattle isolated and treated promptly?	✓		
5.6	Are isolation facilities available?	✓		
5.7	Do isolation facilities provide food, water and shelter?	✓		
5.8	What is the mortality rate?			1.8% a year.
5.9	Are mortalities removed promptly?	✓		
5.10	Is emergency slaughter performed where necessary?	✓		Describe method <i>Shoot on the farm or take to the abattoir.</i>

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6	Handling			
6.1	Are personnel trained to handle livestock?	✓		
6.2	Is suitable handling equipment available?	✓		
6.3	Are cattle left unattended in crushes or any other restraining equipment?		✓	
6.4	Are cattle handled humanely?	✓		
6.5	Is an electric prodder used?		✓	
6.6	If electric prodders are used are they applied to face, anal or genital areas?			
7	Surgical / Routine Procedures			
7.1	Under whose instruction are surgical procedures performed?			vet.
7.2	Is castration performed?		✓	
7.3	What method of castration is performed?	—		
7.4	Is tail amputation procedures done and if so, how is it done?	—		
7.5	Are nose rings used on bulls?	—		
7.6	Are nose rings smooth and well fitting?	—		
7.7	How long are cows in difficult birth left before help is sought?			shayre.
7.8	Is calving induced and if so by whom?			
7.9	How often are cows checked after being induced?			
7.10	How often are hooves checked?			once a week
7.11	Is dehorning/disbudding performed and if so by whom?	✓		
7.12	Describe method of dehorning/disbudding?			
7.13	Is analgesia or anesthesia administered during routine procedures?	✓		

Veterinary Details:-

Name: Dr. Janice Rd Mewse, Dr. Gordon Atkins.
Practice: IAA Animal Hospital
Address: 17 Main Rd Darling
Telephone no / Cell: 022 4522 2545
Emergency A/H no: Depends on the vet that is on standby

General comments:

* Lows on the farm is in acceptable conditions.
* No dead or injured cows was observed.
* Water, feed and shelter is available.

Warning issued? no
Photos taken? no

Manager / Responsible person (Name & surname) C.C. Hattingh
Contact Details: 083 613 0042

Signature: 

Inspector (Name & surname): J. O'Brien
Society: Switzerland SPCA