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Re: DOG ABUSE SWARTLAND SPCA

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To: Society Liaison Unit 6 <liaison6@nspca.co.za>

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Bcc: Belinda Abraham - Cape of Good Hope SPCA <comms@spca-ct.co.za>, "Moyo Ndukwana - Cape of Good Hope SPCA [inspmanager@spca-ct.co.za]" <InspManager@spca-ct.co.za>

Dear Mr. Mills,

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention and for your commitment to animal welfare.

We would like to address the image that has circulated of Semels, the dog in question. The photo that is circulating is not a full reflection of the current situation. Semels is on a running chain movement, and we have verified that he cannot get stuck around the pillar shown in the image. To help clarify, we are attaching a video that shows the range of motion Semels has, ensuring

We are also very pleased to inform you that we had a piece of donated fencing intended for use in our kennels, which we have now given to Semels' owner. The owner has agreed to source the installing the fencing this weekend. Our inspector will revisit the property on Monday to check on their progress.

To provide some context to the situation: Semels is tethered as his owners live close to a highway, and they fear for his safety. He is otherwise in a good condition and has water and shelter

Our inspector did request assistance from the owner of the farm to help fence the property; however, he has declined to support this effort and has also refused to advise his workers against having the authority to instruct a farm owner to provide fencing for their workers' animals. We are strongly opposed to the tethering of any animal. As a SPCA, we must follow legal processes. We cannot tether an animal without presenting a full case to a magistrate and obtaining a warrant. Should we act outside the legal framework, we risk legal repercussions, which could set back our efforts in protecting

We share your passion for the well-being of animals and are confident that Semels' owner will do their part in constructing the fencing. When an owner works with us, it's a positive sign that they care for their animal.

Thank you again for your concern and understanding. We remain committed to following up on this situation and will keep you informed of any further developments.

Kind regards,



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animals

Inspector Louise van Zyl

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On Mon, Sep 9, 2024 at 2:13 PM Society Liaison Unit 6 <liaison6@nspca.co.za> wrote:

Good day

Thank you for your e-mail sent to the National Council of SPCAs.

Your complaint was forwarded to the Management Committee of the Swartland & West Coast SPCA for further investigation and a response.

Feedback will be provided within 7 days by the responsible SPCA, copied to us.

If you do not receive a response or if the problem is not resolved please contact us directly.

Kind regards

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National Inspector
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From: shayne mills <shaynepmills@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 7, 2024 6:06 AM
To: louise@swartlandwestcoastspca.co.za; NSPCA <nspca@nspca.co.za>
Subject: DOG ABUSE SWARTLAND SPCA
Importance: High

SWARTLAND WEST COAST SPCA.

Good day Louise

I have been asked to find out about the following?

Could you explain why you think it acceptable, for a dog to be on a leash all day, & that gets wrapped around a pillar, and he then has no access to water or his kennel?

Why? This is totally unacceptable. We know from all the SPCA's that is is unacceptable. How come this is ok with your branch?



Herewith your branches response to a very large group of people this week: SWARTLAND SPCA :

*"the inspector from spca Swartland went out yesterday. **He phoned me from the property. He said that it is ok if dog is on leash** because there is no fence around the house. The farmer is wor. sheep that is why he is on leash. There was a Mrs Pieterse, I suspect farmer's wife who went and had a look early yesterday morning before the inspector was there. She said there is nothing wr*

I explained to inspector that the leash was entangled and dog couldn't move when I went past, he said that there are no laws protecting animals saying dogs are not allowed on leashes. Sorry I back from Dr. If I get hold of this Mrs Pieterse I will ask her why the farmers allow this, can't they put up a cheap fence around small property for dogs. If the farmer approves his farm workers

responsibility of putting up a fence then.

There are many of us that contacted the SPCA, not only your particular branch, but various other branches.

All came back with the following: CAPE OF GOOD HOPE :

Our SPCA has no jurisdiction over other SPCAs. What we can say, based on the photo, our Inspectors would have taken action!!!!

I expect you to take serious action, and reverse the decision one of your inspectors made?? And TAKE ACTION And either get the farmer to build fences, or remove the animal.

I am in the Midrand area, and I know our **Inspectors will not leave a property** until a dog is released off the leash, THEY ACTUALLY CUT THE ROPE / TETHER / CHAIN OFF. And return has been put up.

I await your URGENT response.

Kind regards

Shayne Mills



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2 attachments



Donated fencing.jpg
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Video Semels Running Chain.mp4
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