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Attention: Mr Jaco Pieterse

Dear Jaco

The directors of HAWK HOUNDS have decided to withdraw our support from HAWK, currently under the management of Mr. Andre Verbiest, with immediate effect. As discussed in the meeting on Thursday 5 September we are a newly established NPC. We had decided to get involved for the sake of the dogs. We realized that funding was urgently needed to enable us to:

1. Find other land for shelter, due to the location and inaccessibility for the public and more recently the heavy rains and floods has alerted us that the shelter lies within a flood plain.
2. To ensure that the dogs received proper veterinary treatment for their various ailments, injuries etc. and
3. In the interim, to clean up the shelter.

To get started with this, a TLC Day was planned for 18 August 2024. In the interim the shelter was flooded and a fire broke out in the house.

The TLC Day turned into a major clean up.

Unfortunately, despite various discussions held, in person, with Mr Andre Verbiest, in which we stipulated the that many changes need to be affected at the shelter, Mr Verbiest was often unwilling to co-operate. These include, among others:

1. Feeding the dogs daily. He insists that the dogs can be fed every second day and that large carcass bones will suffice in between.
2. Bringing in someone to assist with the running of the shelter and animal care, training the staff and to ensure that accurate records are kept for each animal. Mr Verbiest, at first seemed to welcome the idea but within a week became verbally abusive and literally locked her out of shelter. He is not willing to accept help to lighten his load.

In addition to this, the directors, have ourselves endured verbal abuse from Mr. Verbiest and are fearful of his temper. Response to communication is minimal, despite our efforts to contact him. This is indicative of his refusal to co-operate or even discuss various matters with the board. He blames his phone.

We are deeply disturbed that the dog that was burned in the fire was not sent for treatment immediately – no request was received to transport the dog to a vet. Also, the puppy that was bitten should have been seen immediately. Many people delivered goods and water to the shelter and would gladly have taken these two dogs to the vet for the proper care. We cannot condone the decision to treat these and other dogs himself.

After much deliberation, heartbreak, high levels of stress, frustration and disappointment, we have decided to withdraw our support. Unfortunately, Mr Verbiest is not willing co-operate with us. The recent events have not opened his eyes to the fact that he needs to take a backseat and allow us to assist with the fund raising and management of the shelter for the benefit of the dogs.

Yours sincerely