

SWARTLAND WEST COAST SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

I3054

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 6241 NOMBUHLE STREET
Suburb: ILLINGELETHU
Postal Code:
Inspector: CARINA BODENSTEIN
Date of Inspection: 2024-03-12
Time of Inspection: 12:00

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name:
Company:
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2:

REPORT

Access Granted By: No one at home
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner:
Captured By: CARINA BODENSTEIN 2024-03-13 08:18

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Cannot see from gate - no access	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***	Rubble laying around
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	Mange
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	Mange
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Free roaming - in property	

General Report Comments: On 12 March 2024, at approximately 12h00, I responded, in full uniform and in my SPCA branded-vehicle, to a property know as 6241 Nobuhle Street in Malmesbury ("the property") to inspect five (5) dogs, as reported to the Swartland and West Coast SPCA, that are underweight, has severe skin conditions and are denied veterinary or medical treatment by their owner.

Upon my arrival at the property, I was met by an unidentified adult female, who did not want to disclose her name to me, however did state that she is the owner of the dogs. I introduced myself and advised the owner that I am at the property to inspect the animals and the conditions they are kept in. The owner was hostile towards me and stated, in an aggressive tone, that nothing is wrong with the dogs. I advised the owner that the dogs likely have Sarcoptic Mange, which is a highly contagious disease, and advised that the dogs will have to be assessed by a veterinarian. The owner kept stating that the dogs have been in this condition for a long period of time and that she does not see any fault with them. I advised the owner that she can either take the dogs to be assessed by a veterinarian, or surrender the dogs to the SPCA if she is not able to care for them accordingly. The owner was reluctant to listen to me and I further then advised the owner that she will leave me then with no other option but to apply for a warrant and remove the dogs, the owner responded that I must then proceed with the warrant as there is no concern with her dogs and that she will not take them anywhere to be assessed by anyone.

I observed five (5) X-breed type-dogs, of various ages, that were free roaming inside the property. The dogs appear to have severe skin conditions, suspected Sarcoptic Mange, as some of them barely had any hair left on their bodies. Two (2) of the dogs had more bare skin than hair and also had a foul smell, which I could smell from the gate of the property. The skin around the eyes of the dogs were also crusted. The dogs are also underweight, as their rib cages, hip bones and spines were clearly visible.

Since the owner is not willing to take the dogs for veterinary assessment and possible treatment, the dogs are currently denied adequate veterinary or medical treatment. I am of the view that there is no other option but to confiscate the dogs as the dogs are suffering unnecessarily. I am also of the opinion that the owner is intentionally, deliberately and negligently denying the dogs medical treatment as an opportunity was given to the owner to render or procure veterinary or medical treatment, however the owner sees no concern with the condition the dogs are in.

WARRANT TO BE OBTAINED

ACTIONS

FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH MANAGER

REPORT OUTCOMES

WARRANT TO BE OBTAINED

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2024-03-14

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

NIL