

SWARTLAND WEST COAST SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

I3122

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 0 LOUBSCHER FARM
Suburb: VREDENBURG
Postal Code:
Inspector: CARINA BODENSTEIN
Date of Inspection: 2024-04-04
Time of Inspection: 10:30

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

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

REPORT

Access Granted By: Louis
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: No
Relationship to Property Owner: Other
Captured By: CARINA BODENSTEIN 2024-04-04 11:35

CHECKLISTS

Accused: Louis, +27824147734

Upon arrival, I was met by a gentleman identified as Louis.

I introduced myself and asked Louis to share the contents of the event that occurred.

Louis shared that on Tuesday morning, 26 March 2024, he drove on the R27 coming from Veldrift on route to another property and saw a white corsa bakkie with a CEA registration plate parked opposite his property. He did not take much note of the bakkie and proceeded with his journey. On his way back he saw the bakkie still parked in the same location and stopped to ask if the occupants require assistance to which he was advised that all is well. Louis left them and carried on with his route. On his return to his farm he saw the bakkie from a distance still standing opposite his property. As he drove close the bakkie sped off and Louis then observed a dog running in the veld. The dog appeared scared and was running across the road, in front of traffic and into his property. The dog jumped the fences and kept bolting around.

Louis managed to take a picture of the dog and share the picture on the farm resident group asking if the dog belongs to someone. No one claimed the dog. Louis tried to locate the dog as the dog escaped his sight, but could not. Later the afternoon, Louis received a call from his sister whom also resides on the property, about 300m away from his house and she informed him that the dog is standing in front of her house. Louis asked if she can please take the dog in so he can come and take a better picture and try to find someone to assist. His sister agreed and took the dog in, but the dog was coming and going as the dog kept jumping the fence.

Louis asked again on several whatsapp community groups if the dog belongs to someone, but no one claimed the dog. Louis then contacted the neighboring farmer called Pieter, as his spouse works at Veldrift Animal Hospital to enquire from her if she has a contact number for someone that can assist. Louis was then directed to Veldrift Animal Care. VAC could not assist, as they are allegedly full and can't take in the dog. VAC referred Louis to Law Enforcement Officer McNolan. Louis tried to call McNolan Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but to no avail. Pieter allegedly tried to contact the SPCA who allegedly advised that they can't take the dog in. Louis tried every day to contact LE as well as message on the community whatsapp groups, but was not provided any assistance.

Thursday morning, Louis's sister departed to their weekend destination and could no longer look after the dog. Louis was also due to depart for the weekend and could not leave the dog on the farm as there is roughly 300 ewes with lambs to which the dog already jumped into their camps. Louis was afraid the dog would kill the lambs or chase them around which could possibly cause them injuries, or run into the road and get involved in an MVA.

Louis tried again to call LE, as well as asked on the community whatsapp groups. He stated that he does not want to shoot the dog, but will have no other choice to. He even asked if someone can just look after the dog for the weekend then he will try to find a solution on his return from holiday. Still Louis was not afforded any solutions and took the dog into his property and shot the dog in the head with a .22 rifle and immediately gave a second shot to be 100% sure. Louis then went and buried the dog.

A farm worker was with Louis, but Louis advised the worker to look away while he shot the dog.

Louis said the entire ordeal was traumatic to him as well, and had him in tears as he had to have his one dog of 12 yrs, euthanised in January 2024.

Based on what Louis stated, I won't pursue this case in terms of the APA as Louis tried all avenues to find the owner, an alternative solution and a home for the dog. The dog was shot in the head and died instantaneously. No unnecessary suffering can be proved.

If the complainant wants to pursue the case, they must do as they please.

I advised my Manager, Insp Van Zyl of same who agreed.

ACTIONS

NO ACTION REQUIRED

REPORT OUTCOMES

NO CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE APA -

Case finalised - NFA