

SWARTLAND WEST COAST SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

I3443

Complaint Reference No.

Building: BLOMFontein Farm
Street:
Suburb:
Postal Code:
Inspector: CARINA BODENSTEIN
Date of Inspection: 2024-06-25
Time of Inspection: 12:00

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

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

REPORT

Access Granted By: OPEN AREA
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Tenant
Captured By: CARINA BODENSTEIN 2024-06-26 10:27

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes, but not adequate ***
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	No ***
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Static Chain - inadequate length **

General Report Comments: As you drive through the entrance that says Blomfontein on the walls, you take the first right gravel road towards the white houses. At the white houses is where the dogs are.

This is the residence of the farm workers of Blomfontein Farm. There are 4x dog owners in total. The farm workers and the farm owner has an arrangement that they are allowed to have dogs on their premises, as long as the dogs are confined, as there are sheep on the farm and apparently a previous farm worker's dogs killed several of the farmers sheep and the farmer apparently fired the worker and shot and killed one of his dogs, after several warnings to the worker.

As I arrived, I saw 4x different residences with dogs and men being busy with the dogs chains. I got out of my bakkie and the men then approached me. I introduced myself and advised that I am here to inspect the living condition of the dogs and want to assist them to uplift the welfare. The men advised me that a group of woman from Langebaan Animal Care was at the premises about an hour ago and injected all the dogs with the rabies inoculation and dipped the dogs. The ladies advised them that the dogs must be placed on running chains, and this is what they are currently busy with is to construct the placement of the runners. They have access wire and cable on the farm and will easily be able to erect these runners.

OWNER 1:

This is the first house on your left, when you drive through the 2 white houses. The dog is a Lab x, Black, Male, Adult. The dog was observed on a 2m chain with a chain fitted as a collar. The dog has a large empty water container that has been modified to function as a kennel, however, with the placement of the kennel and the chain the dog can't access the kennel. The dog had access to drinking water and a clean living area. Around the house is a fence, 1.2m high with a gate, but the dog will easily jump the fence. The dog is extremely aggressive. The runner will be installed in front of the house from the current post to the opposite fence post, which is approximately 6m. He has an old hosepipe which he will use to run the chain through for a collar. The dog will then also have access to his kennel.

OWNER 2:

This house is on the far left, and has shade netting between the boundary fence with Owner 1. There are 3x dogs on this property.

Dog 1: Pitbull x, F, 4months, Tan/White - free roaming on the property. The dog is currently sleeping inside the house and accompanies the owner wherever he goes.

Dog 2: Pitbull x Staffie, F, Adult, Brown kept on a running chain of approximately 13m long with an attaching 2m light chain. The dog has a suitable material collar fitted. The dog has access to an igloo kennel which provides adequate protection against the elements, drinking water, and a clean living area.

Dog 3: Pitbull x, Dark brown, M, Adult kept at the far back of the property. The dog is on a 5m running chain with an attaching 2.5m light chain. The dog has a chain collar (owner will use hosepipe to run the chain through). The dog has access to an igloo kennel which provided adequate protection against the element, drinking water, and a clean living area. The house is fenced with a gate, however the fencing is very poor, old and rusted. The main gate is also low (1.2m) and the height of the fence varies between (1m - 1.6m). The 2 adult dogs are extremely aggressive.

OWNER 3:

This is the house on your right when you enter between the 2 white house walls. There are 2x dogs kept here.

Dog 1: Pitbull x, Tan/White, F, Adult kept on a static chain that is approximately 2.5m long posted to her wooden kennel which provides adequate protection against the elements. The dog has a self made material collar (the owner has an actual collar that he will use, as it was previously too big, the owner will just make new holes). The dog is slightly underweight, but not in a concerning manner, the dog is more conditioned as the dog is highly active. The installed runner will be from the kennel post to the opposite fence post, which will be approximately 5m long. The dog had access to water. The dog was apparently dewormed when the ladies were there as well.

Dog 2: Pitbull x, Black, F, Adult kept on a static chain that is approximately 3m long. The dog had a chain fitted around the neck as a collar (owner will use hosepipe to run the chain through for a collar). The dog's wooden kennel is broken and the owner is in the process of repairing the kennel, the dog currently has access to the house veranda which is under cover and protected 3-sided (this will accommodate the dog temporarily, as the kennel will be repaired by the afternoon) The dog also has a thick blanket to lay on. The dog has access to water. The dog is slightly underweight, and was apparently dewormed by the ladies earlier.

I will monitor these 2x dogs weight throughout the next few weeks, as the owner claims he feeds them 2x day rice with Bobtail dog pellets, and that this was the first time ever they have been dewormed. If there is no improvement in their weight within the next 3 weeks, and their conditions

deteriorated I will advise veterinary examination.

OWNER 4:

This residence is on the far right. There are 2x dogs kept here and 4x Chickens.

Dog 1: Pitbull x, M, Ault, Light Brindle kept on a static chain that is approximately 3m long. The dog has a chain collar (owner will use hosepipe to run the chain through for the collar). The dog has an outside room to utilise as shelter, which provides adequate protection against the weather elements. The dog has access to drinking water.

Dog 2: Pitbull x, F, Adult, White kept on a static chain that is approximately 2m long. The dog has a suitable material collar fitted. The dog has an unused large water container that has been modified as a kennel, which provides adequate protection against the weather elements. The dog has access to drinking water.

The area for both dog was scattered with litter, however the owners wife was busy raking and sweeping since my arrival on the farm, with one side already cleaned.

Chickens: 4x adult chickens. The chickens are free roaming on the property with access to a wooden structure for shelter and perches. The chickens have access to drinking water. The chickens are in good condition with shiny feathers, good colouration in their combs, bright eyes and being active.

The complainant is one of the ladies that was at the farm before me. With the advice given to the owners and the owners already being in the process of rectifying concerns prior to my arrival, I did not issue a warning.

I will follow up in 7 days.

ACTIONS

OWNER EDUCATED

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2024-07-02

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

1 x DOGS (PITBULL X) - AN UNSTERILISED MALE (COLOUR: Dark brown) CONDITION: Good

Description:

1 x DOGS (PITBULL X STAFFIE) - AN UNSTERILISED FEMALE CALLED 'Lady' (COLOUR: Brown) CONDITION: Good BCS 2.5/5

Description:

1 x DOGS (PITBULL X) - AN UNSTERILISED FEMALE CALLED 'Stacy' (COLOUR: Tan/White) CONDITION: Good BCS 3/5

Description:

1 x DOGS (LABRADOR X) - AN UNSTERILISED MALE CALLED 'Jock' (COLOUR: Black/White) CONDITION: Good BCS 3/5

Description:

1 x DOGS (PITBULL X) - AN UNSTERILISED FEMALE (COLOUR: Tan/White) CONDITION: Fair BCS 2/5

Description:

1 x DOGS (PITBULL X) - AN UNSTERILISED FEMALE (COLOUR: Black) CONDITION: Slightly underweight BCS 2/5

Description:

1 x DOGS (PITBULL) - AN UNSTERILISED MALE (COLOUR: Light Brindle) CONDITION: Good BCS 3/5

Description:

1 x DOGS (PITBULL) - AN UNSTERILISED FEMALE (COLOUR: White) CONDITION: Good BCS 3/5