

SWARTLAND WEST COAST SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

I3699

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 38 SAARTJIE BAARDMAN STREET
Suburb: LOUWVILLE
Postal Code:
Inspector: CARINA BODENSTEIN
Date of Inspection: 2024-09-02
Time of Inspection: 16:40

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: Samual L Morolong
Company:
Identification: 8508115916086
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2:

REPORT

Access Granted By: Samual
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: CARINA BODENSTEIN 2024-09-03 09:30

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	No ***	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	No ***	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	No ***	TORTOISE IS TETHERED
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes	
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	Inadequate food provision
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Tethered ***	Religious

General Report Comments: Accompanied by Trainee Insp Mathabela

Upon arrival, we were met by the owner, Samual.

The owner was asked to present his permit for the keeping of the tortoise, which he could not, and stated that the tortoise belongs to their church. It was made clear to him that this is a wild animal, which belongs in nature and not owned by any person and definitely not being housed domesticated.

It was explained to him that it is illegal to be in possession of a leopard tortoise without the necessary Nature Conservation documents.

The tortoise was kept on a 6m thin rope, attached to a piece of wire through a hole in the tortoise's shell. The tortoise had no drinking water, food provision or adequate protection against the weather elements. The tortoise kept pulling on the rope and trying to get away. Refer to attached video.

After some time of debate and negotiations he surrendered the tortoise to the SPCA.

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The owner was issued with a warning for future reference stating:
In future, no wild animal is to be kept in your custody, control, possession or charge without the necessary Nature Conservation documents, Permit/s.

The tortoise was then taken to the SPCA for the evening and will be taken tomorrow morning to The Owl Orphanage, Veldrift - who is also a NSPCA accredited facility.

ACTIONS	
Warning Issued	W5147

REPORT OUTCOMES	
Case finalised - NFA	
Animal(s) signed over	D7398

INSPECTION ANIMALS	
Description:	
1 x REPTILES (LEOPARD TORTOISE) - AN UNSTERILISED MALE (COLOUR: Typical) CONDITION: Fair	