

SWARTLAND WEST COAST SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

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Complaint Reference No.

Building: PLAASMOL PADSTAL & PETTING FARM
Street:
Suburb: HOPEFIELD
Postal Code:
Inspector: CARINA BODENSTEIN
Date of Inspection: 2024-07-26
Time of Inspection: 10:25

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: BARBRA (NONNIE) GELDENHUYS
Company:
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2:

REPORT

Access Granted By: ISABELLE VAN DER HEEVER
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Worker
Captured By: CARINA BODENSTEIN 2024-07-26 13:23

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes	
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	1x Turkey slightly lame = on treatment; 1x African Grey poor cc
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	Sanctuary

General Report Comments: Upon arrival, I was met and granted access to the property by the owner (Nonnie) and manager (Isabelle).

This is more a sanctuary than a petting farm, however a petting farm checklist was completed, for full particulars, and matters not mentioned below, refer to attached checklist.

Isabelle agreed to accompany me on my inspection we begun at the far back of the property.

1. I observed 4x Zebras (2x Males, 2x Females) free roaming inside a 5 HA camp. There is sufficient natural grazing available, however they are also fed oathay bales. There are 2x large (50L) water container and a dam available for them. There are plenty trees available which provides adequate protection against the weather elements. The zebras are in good condition with no veterinary or health concerns observed.

2. Large fish pond:

6x Koi are kept and an unknown number of Tilapia's. The water was clean and no excessive build up of algae was observed. There are plenty natural vegetation growing inside the pond which also provides the fish with sufficient hiding areas in case of a bird of prey looming around. The fish are fed Koi pellets 2x day.

3. Bird Avaries:

There are a total of 5 avaries here. The sizes range from (8m x 4m x 3m) till (8m x 15m x 3m).

The following birds are kept here:

2x Lovebirds; 10x finches; 10x ring neck doves; 2x Kakariki's; 2x Conure Parrots; 14x Fancy tail Pigeons.

The birds have adlib access to bird seed and fresh water, and also receive fresh fruit and vegetables in the afternoons. There are breeding boxes available (if eggs are found early enough the eggs are then broken). There are plenty perches available for the birds. The avaries were not overcrowded and the birds have the opportunity to fly from the one side to the next. Sufficient natural vegetation is placed inside the avaries for enrichment. The avaries were clean and no excessive build up of faeces were observed. The birds all appeared to be in good condition with no veterinary or health concerns observed.

4. Marmoset Enclosure (1 and 2):

2x Marmoset monkeys (Arrie and Gizmo) are kept here in large individual enclosures (5m x 2m x 2m). The monkeys are kept separately as they are both young males and fight when together. They have sufficient enrichment inside the enclosure, from toys to hanging to hiding areas. They are fed vegetables, fruits, yogurt, cooked chicken, custard, baby porridge, biscuits - they have a very specific diet to which Isabelle cares for. Their living areas were clean and hygienic, and no bad smell. The animals appeared to be in good condition with no veterinary, health or behavioral concerns observed.

5. Goat & Geese Enclosure:

1x Dwarf goat (female) and 5x geese are kept here. The enclosure is approximately 30m x 50m. They have adequate protection against the weather elements as there is a 3-side zinc structure as well as large old wooden dog kennels. There are 2x ponds for the geese to swim in and then a half cut large drum available for water (the water was exceptionally clean during my inspection). The goat is fed Lucerne pellets and oathay 2x day which is placed inside a tyre. The geese are fed poultry mix. The enclosure is clean and evidently hygienically maintained. The animals appeared to be in good condition with no veterinary, health or behavioral concerns observed.

6. Guinee Pig Enclosure:

Here are 4x guinea pigs kept. The enclosure is approximately 1.8m x 15m. The floor is cemented to prevent them from digging out. Inside the enclosure is plenty hiding areas and elevation points which is seen as enrichment, as well as adequate protection against the weather elements. They are fed vegetables, fruit and hay daily. They are specially fed oranges for their Vitamin C requirements. They have water nipples which were working. Their bedding is straw placed on top of straw string bags. Their enclosure is evidently hygienically maintained. The animals appeared to be in good condition with no veterinary, health or behavioral concerns observed.

7. Various free standing parrot cages:

Here are 7x free standing bird cages (1.5m x 2m x 2m) with breeding pairs of Ring Necks, Budgies, Cockatiels, and Finsches. The birds have sufficient breeding boxes, food, water and their living areas are evidently hygienically maintained. The birds have plenty perch space available. There are shade net and blankets that are rolled down at night and during adverse weather conditions to provide the

birds with additional protection against the weather elements. The birds appeared to be in good condition with no veterinary, health or behavioral concerns.

8. Poultry and Tortoise Enclosures:

Here are a variety of poultry kept (Muscovy ducks, Indian runners, geese, turkey, quacker ducks and 2x Leopard Tortoises). The enclosure are approximately 10m x 20m. Each enclosure has a specific water provision adequate to the species needs, for example the tortoises has a walk in water pond which is kept at a low level allowing them to soak. The geese, muscoveys and other water loving birds have ponds available for them to swim in and has access to clean drinking water. The animals have hiding areas, sheltered area which provides adequate protection against the weather elements, and enclosures are evidently hygienically maintained. The animals appeared to be in good condition with no veterinary, health or behavioral concerns observed.

9. Marmoset Enclosure (3):

2x Marmoset monkeys (seniors) are kept here in a large enclosures (10m x 5m x 2m). They are kept together as they are both senior males and socially compatible. They have sufficient enrichment inside the enclosure, from toys to hanging to hiding areas. They are fed vegetables, fruits, yogurt, cooked chicken, custard, baby porridge, biscuits - they have a very specific diet to which Isabelle cares for. Their living areas were clean and hygienic, and no bad smell. The animals appeared to be in good condition with no veterinary, health or behavioral concerns observed.

10. Donkey Paddock:

1x donkey (male, senior) is kept here, named Chester. The paddock is approximately 60m x 40m. The donkey is fed ad lib roughage (oathay) as the paddock does not provide grazing. There is a large 2-side shelter structure in the top corner, under a tree which provides adequate protection against the weather elements. The paddock was clean with no excessive droppings laying around. A large 50L water container with fresh water was available. The donkey appeared to be in good condition with no veterinary, health or behavioral concerns observed.

11. African Grey Free standing cage:

Here are 2x African Grey males kept. The one is 23yrs old and the other 27, named Thomas. The cage was fairly clean, they had parrot mix food, water and plenty perch space. The parrots are socially compatible and no behavioral concerns observed.

CONCERNS:

Veterinary:

(kindly note the following 2x birds are under treatment of Dr. De Rust from the Vredenburg Animal Hospital - this was telephonically confirmed.

1. One turkey is slightly lame, he apparently jumped over a fence and hurt his knee with the landing. He received his last injection (anti-inflammatory) yesterday and the Vet will revisit in 2 weeks time.
2. One African Grey, Thomas, has a poor, dull coat. It appears as if he is busy moulting but Isabelle advised that he used to pluck all his feathers and had raw sores. He has only begun to actually grow out feathers in the past year, however the growth is very slow and the feathers appear to struggle to reach maturity. He has been placed on Darro Parrot Tonic and Medpet Bloodstim recently. If no improvement in 6 weeks a full veterinary assessment will be done where blood samples will be taken etc.

REPORT IS TOO LONG TO FIT IN - REFER TO NOTES FOR THE REST OF REPORT.

ACTIONS

NO ACTION REQUIRED

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2024-08-19

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (DONKEY) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

2 x WILDLIFE (MONKEY) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

2 x POULTRY (TURKEY) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

8 x POULTRY (GOOSE) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

20 x POULTRY (CHICKEN) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

2 x PIGS (POT BELLY PIG) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

6 x POULTRY (DUCK INDIAN RUNNER) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

2 x BIRDS (ECCLECTES PARROT) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

8 x OTHER (RABBIT) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

4 x OTHER (GUINEA PIG) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

4 x WILDLIFE (HEDGEHOG) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

12 x POULTRY (DUCK) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED