



NSPCA Wildlife Protection Unit

Lion Holding Facility Inspection Checklist

Facility name	Buffelsfontein Game and Nature Reserve			
NSPCA Inspector/s				
Local SPCA Inspector	Patrick Chiriqua			
Inspection Type (Routine/Complaint)	Routine			
Under Warrant (Y/N)	No			
Date	23/06/2025	Existing		New
Time in:	10:30	Time out:	12:00	
Owner / Operator	Buffelsfontein Trust			
Owner Contact number	0826121621			
Owner E-mail	info@buffelsfontein.co.za			
Physical Address	R27, West Coast Road			
Accompanied by	Ella Smith			
Magisterial District	Swartland			
Province	Western Cape			
GPS location	33°15'55.22"S 18°13'07.97"E			
Attitude of Owner	Owner wasn't there			
Attitude of Staff	Good			

Lion Age & Sex Ratio Composition								
Adult		Sub-adult			Cubs			Total
M	F	M	F	Un	M	F	Un	
2	5							

General Questions	
1. TOPS Permit (Y/N) (Seen/Denied):	No Tops Permit
2. PAPAA Licence (Y/N) (Seen/Denied):	PAL/08/24/14 Expiry Date: 23/01/2026
3. Management Plan (Y/N) (Seen/Denied):	
4. Animal Emergency Plan, i.e. measures & facilities available for sick & injured lion (Y/N) (What):	Yes, there is a quarantine area reserved for sick or injured lions
5. Lion Escape Plan (Y/N) (What):	Yes, search and dart the lion
6. Physically observe & ask if security measures are in place to prevent poaching (Electric fences /Trenches/Guards/Other):	There is an electric fence
7. Electric fence & Power failure back up system (Y/N) (What):	There is a generator in case of power failure
8. Electric fences of lion enclosures in working order (Y/N):	Yes
9. Method of emergency euthanasia:	To contact the vet or shoot if necessary
10. Methods to destroy lions for consumptive purposes, e.g. lion bones:	They don't destroy lions for such purposes

Facility Type	
Restricted Activities (mark with X)	Description (Purpose of the facility)
1. Captive Breeding Operation (Working or Ranch lions)	working lions
2. Commercial Exhibition Facility	✓ Game drives
2.1 Cub Petting/Interactions/Display/etc.	x No cub petting
3. Hunting Operations	x No hunting
4. Registered Wildlife Trader	x Don't trade
5. Rehabilitation Facility	x No
6. Sanctuary	x No
7. Scientific Institution	x No
8. Trade (International: Live / Dead) (Domestic: Buy, sell, donate, acquire, etc.)	x No
9. Other	

*Question 6: Facilities are in their right not to provide full details for security measures to prevent poaching, due to liabilities & not to risk inspectors to be suspected of involvement if a poaching activity occurs after an inspection. Therefore, just observe & ask if they have

General Questions Continued

11. Veterinarian / Services (Y/N) (Who): Dr Rust Credenburg Animal Hospital
12. Curative & preventative veterinary medicine used (Y/N): No
- (Parasite): yes
- (Vaccine): yes
- (Flies): No, Planning to use fly buckets
- (Other):
13. Biosecurity measures in place to prevent spread of zoonotic diseases (Staff) (Y/N) (What): disinfectant
14. Physiological and physical health of lions monitored & record keeping (Y/N): yes
- 14.1 Record Seen/Denied: Seen
- 14.2 Frequency of monitoring: daily
15. Diet: Source of meat (e.g. local abattoir): Rainbow Chickens
16. Diet: Type of meat (e.g. donkey, game, etc.): 80% Chicken & 20% Red meat
17. Diet: Amount per animal & feeding frequency (e.g. 5kg per adult, 4kg per sub-adult every 3 days): 6-7 chickens a day per lion
18. Diet: Other dietary needs provided (bones, sinews, organs, etc.): Red meat
19. Diet: Supplements (Y/N) (Type): Mix the chicken with pig graver
20. Hygiene: Food storage & preparation area (e.g. fly control, disinfectant): the place is well kept (clean)
21. Hygiene: Enclosure cleaning routine & frequency: Enclosures are cleaned 3 times a week
22. Enrichment & frequency: There is bushes, platforms and tyres
23. Member of South African Predators Association (Y/N): No
24. Other species: Black Leopard, Egyptian Mongoose

Utilization of lions

Captive Lion Hunting Operations

1. Source of lions used for captive hunt (Ranch Lion or Working Lion):
2. Lion release period prior to hunt:
3. Size of hunting camp in m²:
4. Captive hunting release camp specifications (cultivated land, natural veld, wild prey available, water available, unnatural structures, etc.):

Utilization of lions

Working Lions

*Lions open to public for exhibition & interaction purposes are considered as working lions.

1. Duration of public viewing of lions on display (e.g. 08:00 -17:00/per appointment only/via guided tour): 08:00 - 17:00
2. Type of interactions conducted at facility: Cub petting/Photographs/Lion walks/Other: Lions are in enclosures, no interactions
3. Time of interaction (e.g. 08:00am & 15:00pm every day): No interactions
4. Frequency & Duration of interaction per type (e.g. At 08:00am & 15:00pm daily for 2 hours per lion walk): N/A
5. Cub-petting age start: N/A Age stop:
6. Safety avoidance facility for cubs (Y/N) (What): N/A
7. Biosecurity measures in place to prevent spread of zoonotic disease (Public) (Y/N) (What): disinfectant

8. Interactions monitored by staff (Y/N): No interactions

9. Source of cubs used for petting (trade or in-house breeding):

10. Starting age females are bred with (months):

11. Planned number of litters per female per year:

12. Age removed from parent (# of days/weeks/months):

12.1. Reason:

13. # of unweaned cubs being hand-reared:

14. Rearing formula used:

15. Method of birth control (if any): castrating the males

16. Fate of cubs:

17. Fate of older / surplus lions: keep them till they die

at old age or euthanasia if necessary

18. Paying volunteer system in place (Y/N): No

Comments:

Utilization of lions

Ranch Lions

**Lions exposed to minimal human interaction/imprinting for consumptive utilization purposes, i.e. the facility is not open to the public, are considered as ranch lions.*

1. Starting age females are bred with (months):

2. Planned number of litters per female per year:

3. Age removed from parent (# of days/weeks/months):

3.1 Reason:

4. # of unweaned cubs being hand-reared:

5. Age cubs are weaned from mothers when not removed (weeks / months):

6. Rearing formula used:

7. Methods used to ensure limited human interaction/imprinting of cubs during hand-rearing procedures:

8. Methods used to ensure limited human interaction/imprinting with adult & sub-adult lions:

9. Method of birth control (if any):

10. Fate of cubs:

11. Fate of older / surplus lions:

12. Paying volunteer system in place (Y/N):

Comments:

Communication with relevant Nature Conservation Departments

This section serves to indicate if any issues or contraventions were found that falls under the mandate of provincial nature conservation authorities

1. Name of Nature Conservation Department:
2. Date Reported:
3. Reported to (Name):
4. Contact details of person reported to (Tel & email):
5. Description of issue and/or contravention:
6. Joined prosecution with NSPCA (Y/N) (Description):

NO contraventions or any issues
was reported as confirmed by
Donnie from Cape Nature

Compliance Notices Issued

Welfare Category	Description	Period to comply	Compliance (Y/N)

Warnings Issued			
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Section 2 (1) (a)			
Section 2 (1) (b)			
Section 2 (1) (c)			
Section 2 (1) (e)			
Section 2 (1) (f)			

Warnings Issued			
Welfare Category	Description	Period to comply	Compliance (Y/N)
Section 2 (1) (i)			
Section 2 (1) (m)			
Section 2 (1) (p)			
Section 2 (1) (q) & (r)			
1. Prosecution (Y/N): 2. Description:			

Camp #	Working or Ranch Lion	Enclosure type*	Size of camps (m ²)	# of lion per camp (e.g. 2:1:0) (Tawny / White)	Enclosure hygiene (Clean / Requires Cleaning)	Water delivery system & quality	General vegetation & Substrate (concrete; bare, sand, moved lawn; medium/tall grass; trees; shrubs; etc.) Enclosure furnishings (rocks; logs; gum poles; tyres; platforms; enrichment objects; etc.)	Enclosure shade (Y/N)	Separate Feeding / Management Camp (Y/N)	Hiding space (Y/N)	Safety Barriers (Y/N)	Night Room (Y/N) (Access?)
	Working Lions	Wire and Electric Fencing	1 x hectare	5 x female lions and 1 male lion are in one camp and the other male is alone in one camp	Clean	Borehole water	Trees, logs, platforms, tyres and natural enrichments	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
			30 x 30	Black Panther	Clean	Borehole water	Covered platform for hiding and ropes			Yes	Yes	Yes

*Working lion: (Maternity, breeding, treatment/quarantine, display for adult, sub-adult or cubs, cub petting, back of house, etc.)

*Ranch lion: (Maternity, breeding, treatment /quarantine, cub keeping enclosure, sub-adult keeping enclosure, adult keeping enclosure, nursery, etc.)