

SWARTLAND WEST COAST SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

I2096

Complaint Reference No.

Building: HAWK ANIMAL SHELTER
Street: NO NUMBER RIVERLANDS SMALL HOLDING
Suburb: RIVERLANDS
Postal Code:
Inspector: JAMESON OCTOBER
Date of Inspection: 2025-06-12
Time of Inspection: 09:00

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

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

REPORT

Access Granted By: ANDRE VERBIEST
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: LOUISE VAN ZYL 2025-06-13 14:57

CHECKLISTS

CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Free roaming - in property
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes
WATER AVAILABLE	Yes
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	No

General Report Comments: A follow-up inspection was conducted at the Hawk facility after the NSPCA and COGH SPCA received an anonymous complaint alleging the presence of sick animals on the property. Mr. Andre Verbiest granted full access to the property and was cooperative throughout the inspection. Upon inquiry, Mr. Verbiest confirmed there were no sick animals and invited us to inspect all areas of the premises.

The room previously used to house sick animals is now being used as accommodation for one of Mr. Verbiest's workers, Denise, and her baby. The room contains a bed and cupboards. Two adult sterilised cats are currently housed on the other side of this room. Both cats were in acceptable condition with no visible signs of illness or distress. We then walked to the Residential Area where Mr. Verbiest lives in.

Approximately 15 dogs were observed in and around the area where Mr. Verbiest lives. These dogs have access to both indoor and outdoor areas. All appeared to be in acceptable condition, with no visible health concerns. We did a full inspection of the Outer Camps and Courtyard.

All animals in the outside enclosures and courtyard areas were checked. It is estimated that approximately 60 dogs are currently on the property in total. According to Mr. Verbiest, five dogs are scheduled to be relocated to the Eastern Cape over the weekend. He provided confirmation of this via WhatsApp messages viewed during the inspection. While it was difficult to determine an exact number of animals, there were no notable changes in the population compared to the previous inspection in May. No sick animals were identified during the inspection. A physical check of all animals was carried out, including visual assessment of overall body condition, teeth, gums, ears and paws. All animals had access to food, water, and adequate shelter.

No puppies were present on the property at the time of inspection. Mr. Verbiest stated that he is no longer accepting puppies.

Although concerns remain about the broader management of the facility, there are currently no grounds for action on welfare violations.

ACTIONS

NO ACTION REQUIRED

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2025-08-29

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INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

235 x DOGS (TERRIER X) - (COLOUR: Brown,black and tan,tan,white,brown) CONDITION: Acceptable

Description:

125 x DOGS - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

5 x CATS - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

20 x POULTRY (CHICKEN) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

57 x DOGS - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

60 x DOGS - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED