

SWARTLAND WEST COAST SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

I005503

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 2 WYLO STREET
Suburb: LANGEBAAN
Postal Code:
Inspector: JAMESON OCTOBER
Date of Inspection: 2026-04-08
Time of Inspection: 10:30

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

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

REPORT

Access Granted By: LINDIE BRINK
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: JAMESON OCTOBER 2026-04-10 12:27

CHECKLISTS

CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	Birds
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: I contacted Mr. Donnie Malherbe from CapeNature, who to accompany me to the property to assist with the inspection.

Observations
Upon arrival, parrots were visibly observed on the balcony. Mrs. Lindie Brink provided us access to do a full inspection and was cooperative.

Inspection Findings

Garage
The garage was inspected first, as per the complaint. No animals were observed in this area.

Main Living Area (Kitchen and Lounge)
A total of seven (7) large bird cages were observed in the open-plan kitchen and living room area:

Right side (upon entering lounge):
1 cage containing 2 Senegal parrots

Left side:
2 cages, each containing 2 African Grey parrots (total: 4)

Balcony Area
The following birds were observed in cages on the balcony:
1 cage with 5 Galah cockatoos
1 cage with 2 Blue-and-Gold Macaws
1 cage with 5 Yellow-Crested Cockatoos
1 cage with 1 Blue-and-Gold Macaw

Condition of Animals and Enclosures
All cages were clean and well-maintained
Fresh food and water were available in all enclosures
Birds appeared calm, alert, and in good condition
Birds were able to perch and move freely without overcrowding
Perches were appropriately positioned to prevent fouling
No injured or visibly ill birds were observed
The owner was observed preparing fresh food (fruit mix including melon, banana, apples, and seeds)

Cage Dimensions
Larger cages (Macaws and Cockatoos): 800 x 1900 x 1100 mm
Smaller cages (Senegal and African Grey parrots): 600 x 800 x 1500 mm
Mrs. Brink indicated that two additional cages (800 x 1900 x 1100 mm) have been ordered to separate the Galah and Yellow-Crested Cockatoos into smaller groups.

Statements by Owner
Mrs. Brink stated that the current setup is temporary, as they intend relocating to a smallholding outside Hopefield (within Saldanha Bay Municipality).
She advised that the birds are between 6–10 months old.
She confirmed their intention to breed the birds in future.
Mr. Malherbe advised that:
A permit from the Department of Environmental Affairs will be required for breeding and trade .
No permit is currently required to keep these specific parrot species, as they are not classified as endangered under applicable regulations.

Allegation of Reptiles
The complaint also alleged the possible illegal keeping of reptiles.
The garage, living areas, bedrooms (3), and bathrooms (2) were inspected.
The backyard and surrounding property were also examined.
No reptiles, enclosures, or related equipment (e.g., glass tanks) were found.
It is noted that the complainant did not personally observe reptiles and relied on unverified third-party information.

Assessment of Allegations
Large Number of Exotic Parrots
Confirmed presence of multiple parrots.
As per CapeNature, no permit is required for possession of these species.
Birds are not overcrowded, and corrective measures (additional cages) are in progress.

Possible Illegal Reptile Trade
No evidence found to support this allegation.
Complaint based on hearsay without substantiation.

Suspicious Behaviour
No evidence of illegal activity.
Property owners are entitled to privacy; closed curtains or garage doors do not constitute reasonable suspicion.

Animal Welfare
Animals are well cared for

Enclosures are clean and appropriate
Adequate nutrition and hydration provided
No signs of neglect, distress, or illness
Conclusion and Recommendations
No evidence was found to support allegations of illegal possession or trade of reptiles.
The keeping of parrots at the premises is currently compliant with applicable regulations, as confirmed by CapeNature.

However, due to the owner's stated intention to breed and potentially trade these birds :

The matter will remain open
Follow-up inspections will be conducted
Compliance with permitting requirements will be monitored
A re-inspection will also be conducted to confirm:
Arrival and use of additional cages
Continued adherence to acceptable animal welfare standards

ACTIONS

NO ACTION REQUIRED

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2026-05-05

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INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

1 x BIRDS (AFRICAN GREY PARROT) - AN UNSTERILISED FEMALE CALLED 'No names' (COLOUR: Grey with red tail) CONDITION: Acc

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5 x BIRDS (GALAH COCKATOO) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Pink and grey) CONDITION: Acceptable

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5 x BIRDS (COCKATOO) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: White with yellow crest) CONDITION: Acceptable

Description:

3 x BIRDS (BLUE AND GOLD MACAW) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Blue and yellow) CONDITION: 8 months

Description:

2 x BIRDS (SENEGAL PARROT) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Green,yellow and grey) CONDITION: Acceptable