

TEST AND DEMO SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IFBR09524

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 10810 TWEELING
Suburb: TWEELING
Postal Code:
Inspector: MIKE TYSON
Date of Inspection: 2023-02-27
Time of Inspection: 10:19

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: LIONS REST TWEELING
Company: LIONSREST
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2:

REPORT

Access Granted By: CHRISTA SAAYMAN
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes

CHECKLISTS

CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	Wild Bird
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: INSPECTION REPORT – NSPCA WILDLIFE UNIT
MYSTIC MONKEYS AND FEATHERS WILDLIFE PARK – BELA-BELA
Date: 2017-08-02
Contact: Christa Saayman
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Address: Farm Buffelsdrift, Rust de Winter, Bela-Bela

Coordinates: S 25°13.210'
E028°31.529'

Region: Bela-Bela, Limpopo
Inspectors: NSPCA: Trainee Inspector Martie Rossouw (Manager WPU)
Inspector Irinka Schröder

Background:

An inspection was conducted at the facility after receiving a complaint that the black jaguar had no access to shade, that the tigers appeared to be underweight and that the animals were displaying frustrated behaviours. We arrived at the facility at 09h40 and conducted a full routine inspection as well.

Findings:

Maria, Christa's manager took us through the facility as Christa was unavailable at the time. The general appearance of the facility was neat, with enclosures either in good repair or in process of repair.

The facility is used as a zoo as well as a trading facility. Christa imports and exports all kinds of wildlife. The vast amount of rare wild animals and birds noticed indicates possible breeding programmes for international trade to other zoo's and wild animal facilities. From the quality of the signage and enclosure construction, it appears that there is more than enough funding to prioritise the health and welfare of all the animals kept on the premises. With this in mind, about 40% of the enclosures could do with increased enrichment opportunities for the animals.

Lion and tiger breeding should be monitored at the facility going forward as two lions were noticed to be mating at the time of the inspection and concern in terms of the lion bone trade is suspected. The cage furniture and enriching toys in the other 60% of the enclosures is well thought of and use of three dimensional space was used well.

Fruit and vegetables that was provided and seen at the time of the inspection appeared to be very fresh, chopped according to size and consisted of a variety of different things. Bowls with porridge was noticed in the primate enclosures, bones in the predator enclosures and dog pellets in some of the other carnivore enclosures. The kitchen was clean and hygiene of a good standard. No dirty bowls were seen, though some of the animals were fed from the ground and not in containers. Water receptacles were noticed to be clean as well.

All concerns seen were noted on the welfare compliance notice that was sent electronically after the inspection.

We were treated amiably and Maria had no problem walking through the entire facility as she was required to check the animals in Christa's absence anyway.

The size of the quarantine cages is debateable and length for which animals have to be kept in these enclosures should be asked when conducting future inspections.

Some negligence was noted in the areas where trade-animals that are only kept temporarily at the facility was noticed.

Contraventions:

No contraventions in terms of the APA were noticed at the time of the inspection.

Concerns:

Welfare Compliance Notice e0040 was issued in terms of the following:

1. Animals must have access to clean, potable water at all times:
 - a. The caracal was noticed to not have water at the time of the inspection (rectified immediately)
 - b. The striped hyena in the enclosure next to the house had no access to water (rectified immediately. A suitable non-tip container must be used to prevent the animal from spilling water over)
 - c. Water in the wild dog enclosure next to the house was noticed to be very dirty.
 - d. The pygmy hippo was locked in an enclosure with no water in order to clean the enclosure next door.
 - e. We recommend a water and health check of all the animals in the mornings prior to any further operations and that animals not be kept locked in high rooms for too long in order to clean. Two tiger

cubs appeared to be stressed as they were found in their night room at 12:03 still.

f. We recommend that signs be placed on enclosures where the water sources are not visible from the outside to avoid members of the public complaining.

2. Predator and prey species should not be kept in next-door enclosures. We recommend placing a barrier (shade net / wooden) between the lion and goat enclosure.

3. Enclosures must be accessible from both the inside and outside. At the time of the inspection an employee was locked into an enclosure from the outside and could not exit to resume other cleaning duties.

4. Various animals were seen to be fed from the on the floor on their enclosures without cleaning the enclosures first. Animals should be fed from suitable containers or feeding platforms to prevent faecal contamination and aid in

ACTIONS

Warning Issued

DW230227

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2023-03-10

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INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

10 x WILDLIFE (LION) - (COLOUR: TAWNY) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

4 x WILDLIFE (MONKEY) - (COLOUR: BLACK WITH GREY BEARDS) CONDITION: ACCEPTABLE

Description:

1 x WILDLIFE (SPOTTED EAGLE OWL) - CALLED 'GODFREY' (COLOUR: TAWNY, BLACK AND WHITE) CONDITION: GOOD