

SANDTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IEL911361

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 51 15TH AVENUE
Suburb: ORANGE GROVE
Postal Code:
Inspector: STEPHEN MAILA
Date of Inspection: 2022-12-15
Time of Inspection: 12:49

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: Lynne Kruger
Company:
Identification: 7002120018089
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2:

REPORT

Access Granted By: Lynne Kruger
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	No ***	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	No ***	There 3x chinchills housed in small cages
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***	There was a high ammonia smell from the chinchilla room,
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	A cat, tortorshell,famel"Fantam" coat appeared to be neglected
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	Cross breed, female, "Bean-Anne",Sable colour coat was dull.
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	Exotic species

General Report Comments: Upon arrival at the property the owner was present. She gave us permission to enter the property to inspect the living conditions under which her animals were kept. Upon entry there were 2 dogs that were running freely in this area of the property which appeared to be suitable for them. The owner took us to the chinchillas cottage/room. We observed approximately 98 Chinchillas in cages. Some were housed as pairs whilest others as single and families. There were 18 cages that had not provision of water and that none of those animals had access to water. However, these animals appeared to be in good health. There was a high ammonia levels of smell due to the fact that there was not sufficient ventilation and that there was not enough airflow in the room. There was an air-conditioner but it was not sufficient. Humidity levels were of concern. We noticed that the bedding that had been replaced was packed outside the room and not being discarded. This was also contributing factor to the offensive smell. The one dog, cross breed, female, sable colour, "Bean-anne" appeared to have had a dull coat. There was a cat, Domestic long hair and its coat appeared to be neglected. We observed a German shepherd at the back of the property but it couldn't come near because it was enclosed to be in that area. We couldn't get near it and when we asked the owner to go near she told us it was vicious and she didn't want us to hold her liable if anything went wrong. We noted that the area where the cat was confined was dirty, filthy with faeces that were not cleared. There was a marmoset monkey in the cage next to where the cat was housed. These enclosures gave access to these animals to be able to go through the house. We asked the owner if we could go and check inside the house but they refused. The man said we should rather come on Monday because it was dirty and they didn't want to be embarrassed. Despite numerous attempts and persuasion to get access into the house but we couldn't. A written warning was issued to Ms Kruger request her to rectify the above highlighted concerns in the chinchillas room, the cat, the dog and the fish tank we saw outside which was dirty and had not been cleaned- See attached copy of the warning.

They signed and accepted the warning. We left without making suspicious that we were going to get a warrant. We went and got a warrant at Johannesburg Magistrate court. The warrant was granted and we went to the Norwood Police station to get an escort. It was around 16h00 in the afternoon when we were escorted by saps. Upon arrival at the property we had challenges in entering the property as they wouldn't open. Lucky Saps organised a step ladder and we climbed onto the roof. This was when they came out of the house and they opened the garage door giving us and saps access. Upon entering the house we found more Chinchillas in the house, there were 6 of them. There were 2x Sugar gliders in two different cages with acceptable enrichment. The Chinchillas were on small cages and without sufficient ventilation. We went into the room where the marmoset monkey and cat had access into and we found more animals. There 6 adult cats and a daschund with deformed front legs. She claimed that the animals in this room belong to her daughter who was not present at the time. In other rooms, we found over 200 salamander fish type but they told us it was Axolotl fish. They were kept in various tanks. We found a Ball Python snake that has fleas, there was a Bearded dragon, adult, a young one kept in two separate tanks, there were other reptiles:- corn snakes x2, Gecko x1, indigenous Dove kept in a cage, and other fish in various tanks. In the owner's bedroom we found 6 cats, older but in acceptable condition and 4x Jack Russell type. She told us the dogs belong to their friend who has gone on holiday and asked her to look after them. The back yard where the German shepherd was kept was filthy.

There was a rabbit outside in a cage and a tortoise. The house had a bad smell, dirty and disorganized.

The owner told us that she breeds chinchillas but not all the time and she breeds to colours and not with all of the chinchillas. She also told us that she take in rescue chinchillas and find homes for them. She also sells.

She surrendered 17 Chinchillas to the SSPCA, 2 rats, dove, ball python snake and the tortoise.

The snake, the dove, 1x Chinchilla and 2 rats were euthanased at the SSPCA.

The Tortoise was transferred to Johannesburg wildlife vets.

The owner was cooperating and it appeared that the woman is a hoarder.

Further written warning was issued - See attached copies

Follow-up inspection to be carried out.

ACTIONS

Warning Issued

V0618, 0619, V0621 & v0620

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2022-12-09

Referred to Nature Conservation Authori

Animal(s) signed over X12/113, x12/114, x12/115-129

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

98 x WILDLIFE (CHINCHILLAS) - FEMALE (COLOUR: Various colours: black,white,violet,etc) CONDITION: Good

Description:

1 x REPTILES (BALL PYTHON) - (COLOUR: Champaign) CONDITION: Full of mites

Description:

1 x WILDLIFE (BEARDED DRAGON) - (COLOUR: Red,brownish and black) CONDITION: Acceptable

Description:

1 x WILDLIFE (BEARDED DRAGON) - (COLOUR: Brownish, red and black) CONDITION: Acceptable

Description:

1 x WILDLIFE (GECKO) - (COLOUR: Yellowish-brown) CONDITION: Acceptable

Description:

200 x WILDLIFE (FISH) - (COLOUR: White Albino Axolotl fish

Description:

2 x WILDLIFE (FISH) - (COLOUR: White Albino Axolotl ,male