

SANDTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IFGE10085

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: CORNER WILLAM NICOL
Suburb: FOURWAYS
Postal Code:
Inspector: GODFREY MNGUNI
Date of Inspection: 2023-07-24
Time of Inspection: 13:21

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

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

REPORT

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

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes	
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	No	
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	Holding facilities

General Report Comments: On the last day of the event, I started by inspecting the Reptile Hall where reptiles, chinchillas and invertebrates were kept. Reptiles included, Bearded dragons(5), exotic geckoes - Leopard(16), exotic snakes (23 constrictors/non-venomous + 4 cornsnakes) and an American Alligator that were inspected. Containers of exotic invertebrates on sale were grouped in the same size or age. Arachnids such as tarantulas of various exotic species. Approximately 98 tarantulas were inspected kept in atchar tubs. 20 containers x 50 super worms, 15 x 50 Dubia roaches (grouped in the order: 20 were newborn-small, 20 small-medium, 10 med-large per tub), 7 x 50-60 earthworms, 18 x 250 mealworms, 26 x 50 turkestan roaches, 15 Madagascar hissing roaches and ±200 African honeybees displayed for a honey trade were inspected. The weather was sunny with a bit of a cold breeze on the day but heating pads were in place for every animal needing heat. Water was provided in suitable tip-free containers for reptiles while invertebrates rely food moisture. The hall temperature was moderately optimum allowing animals in their containers to experience temperature above average. The reptiles were satisfactorily kept even though the circumstances were not ideal including the American Alligator, "Katana". Because "Katana" was a tame gator, she was allowed to interact with the public and taking all sorts of photographs. I had to politely discourage it because they were not in possession of a PAPA license. There were 7 chinchillas owned by a lady named, Lynne Kruger, on sale for new homes in the same hall. They were kept in a movable double-layered steel customized cage of a fairly adequate size. The cage was enriched with untreated pine hideaways and hay substrate. She said that she feeds them specially milled food than regular vegetables. Nipple bottles filled with water were provided.

On the pool of Koi fish, a school totalled an estimated 520 fish on this day. The fish were kept in large movable swimming pools with functioning aerator and and filters designed to last up to 4 hours of no power source. About 6 pools of carrying koi fish of different sizes and age. The owners were still adamant to provide any enrichment quoting aeration can also be considered another form of enrichment in the fear of the 'fish causing injuries to themselves'. The fish are on a protein-rich diet specially manufactured for Koi fish. Their swimming water in the pools was clean, clear and sufficiently aerated. There were strong elongated plastic bags(oxygenated) were given to buyers of the Koi fish. Water testing kit was available while others were on sale.

Close to 155 dogs were in participation of the dog show. Their holding facilities were mostly collapsible and free-moving cages. Some were provided with play pens during their holding to reduce stress. There was water suitably available in stainless steel buckets fixed to the dog cages. Owners of heavy-coated dogs brought grooming kit to freshen up hair between rounds of dog showing. Treats and pet snacks were readily available and they were used to reward obedient dogs. The show went on the whole of the afternoon with judges eliminating under performing dogs. In the dogs standing hall, owners and breeders had to leave early whose dogs did not make it to the next round in a manner that did not cause any stampede.

The Cat Show hall had an estimate of 96 pedigree cats on show. Because it was a sunny weather, I had prioritize on sufficient water provided as the hall temperatures were rising by the hour. Resting place for all cats appeared to be comfortably provided. Their cages/carriers were of adequate size and well-ventilated. I carried out the inspection around the hall until one of the judges noticed and confronted me about what I was doing. He claimed that he was one of the organizers of the show and I was not allowed to be there. I tolerated his behaviour pushing me out of the hall. I called the organizer, Mr Louis Kruger, who got his partner to come and help me. The so-called judge continued to angrily give us threats of reporting us and posting about us online. I was later escorted by the head of security, Mr Mitchell and his colleagues to complete my inspection with no hassles. We found him making his last speech on our third attempt at the hall making unpleasant remarks about the SPCA and making everyone to rethink about supporting us with any donations. My inspection was done and the cats were in acceptable physical condition. To hand in my findings and discuss it with my General Manager.

Having done the inspection at this PetExpo, it had been enlightening experience and it needed our intervention to the participants on highest level of standards. My approach was a polite manner and having an inquisitive mind to everyone. Therefore, the need for our involvement and intervention is of vital importance in such events and for us to keep up with them

ACTIONS

FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF INSI

REPORT OUTCOMES

Other	To discuss it the report with the manager
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INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

NIL