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INSPECTORATE REPORT

23 December 2022

Owner/s

Mr. Arno Schult & Ms. Melissa Henn
45 Fergus Road,
Valhalla, Centurion
076 753 4346
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Complaint: Dogs that were being cruelly abused by a person staying in the same property where they are being kept.

Animal/s

GSD Cross puppy
Black
Female
13 Weeks
Unsterilized
Raven

Husky-mix
Female

Case incidence

On 23 December 2022, at approximately 15H15, Tshwane SPCA received a complaint in regards to the dogs that were being cruelly abused by a person staying in the same property where the dogs are being kept. It was also reported that one of the abused dogs sustained injuries. On 23 December 2022, I went to investigate the complaint. Upon arrival at the given address at approximately 16H00, the owner was not present. I then requested the contact number of the dogs owner from Mr Clinton Bukes being the complainant. I then contacted the owner, requested him to avail himself at the property and further alluded the purpose of my visit. The owners of the dogs later arrived at the property at approximately 18H00. In that



point in time, I again advised them of the purpose for my visit and that I was there for an inspection and to assess the wellbeing of the dogs.

The owners now known to me as Mr Arno Schult and Melissa Henn then presented the black German Shepherd puppy to me. The other dog in the property was found to be a Husky-mix breed. Both dogs were visually assessed. The dog with a welfare concern was a German Shepherd puppy presented to me and it was noticed to be limping. I then enquired from Mr Arno Schult of the reason the German Shepherd puppy was limping and I was told the Husky-mix breed belonging to him attacked it. I further enquired whether the puppy received veterinary attention and I was told that it did not receive any veterinary treatment. I gave them an option to surrender the puppy to the SPCA and they objected. At that time, the chances of me obtaining a warrant were slim to none. I then issued a warning to have the puppy taken for veterinary attention.

At this point, I was in possession of the video footage depicting evidence whereby Mr Arno Schult was cruelly and crudely beating the same German Shepherd puppy found in his property limping. I later revisited the property of Mr Arno Schult for a follow up inspection. Mr Arno Schult and Ms Melissa Henn were not present at the time. Mr Clinton Bukes then approached and provided me with the work address of Ms Melissa Henn upon request.

After few days, Mr Clinton Bukes informed me that Mr Arno Schult and Ms Melissa Henn are back at the property but the dogs are not and that they are busy packing some of their belongings. Contact had been made with Ms Melissa Henn who later provided me with a veterinarian's report from Bakenkop Animal Clinic indicating that the puppy was diagnosed with a fracture of tibia and is been treated cautiously with bandage changes. I aimed to get the new address where the dogs are being kept but my attempts were fruitless. Mr Clinton Bukes later informed me that Mr Arno Schult, Ms Melissa Henn moved from the premises, and that all their possessions are out. Moreover, the case of animal cruelty has since been opened against Mr. Arno Schult and Melissa Henn for cruelly and crudely abusing their animals and as more evidence implicating Ms Melissa Henn was also received. The case was registered at Wierdabrug Station, ref nr CAS 308/1/2023. We are currently trying to locate the dogs so as to confiscate accordingly.

Investigated and compiled by:

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