

SPRINGS SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

PHJ715160

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: FARM 25 STRYDPAN FARM
Suburb:
Postal Code:
Inspector: ANNECIA LE ROUX
Date of Inspection: 2025-10-23
Time of Inspection: 10:00

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: JOHN QUINTON SWARTZ
Company: RENT-A- DOG
Identification:
Email: RENT-A-DOG@OUTLOOK.COM
Tel 1:
Tel 2: 0832940120

REPORT

Access Granted By: JOHN SWARTZ
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Tenant
Captured By: ANNECIA LE ROUX 2025-10-28 14:34

CHECKLISTS

CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	WHILE SOME KENNELS HAVE BEEN IMPROVED UPON NU
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	No ***	WHILE SOME KENNELS HAVE BEEN IMPROVED UPON NU
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***	FLIES, SMELL OF URINE
WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes, but not adequate ***	THERE ARE STILL KENNELS WITH TWO DOGS SHARING A
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	OVERALL THE CONDITION OF THE ANIMALS PHYSICALLY
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	No	

General Report Comments: Accompanied By: Ms. Tammy Gregor (COAPE Companion Animal Behaviourist – >10 years' experience, Randburg SPCA)

A follow-up inspection was conducted at the Rent-A-Dog facility on 23/10/2025. Due to concerns regarding behavioural stress observed during the initial inspection, I requested a qualified companion animal behaviourist, Ms. Tammy Gregor, to accompany me. The purpose of her attendance was to provide a professional behavioural assessment and further insight into the impact of the dogs' kennel environment on their welfare.

Compliance Observed

The following improvements were noted in response to the previously issued warnings:

- Fly traps had been installed.
- Modifications to the kennels in F-Block have commenced, including increased kennel size and the covering of gravel/tar flooring with sand.
- Lighting has been installed in two kennel blocks (though currently inadequate – see Outstanding Items).
- Water bowls were present in each kennel and contained water. Indoor bowls were acceptable; however, outdoor bowls were dirty as dogs were using them to cool themselves down.
- Water bowls had been freshly painted.

Outstanding Items – Not Compliant

The following areas remain non-compliant with the warnings issued:

- Kennels are not being cleaned daily with water.
Mr. Swartz stated that wood shavings remove the need for daily wet cleaning, which is incorrect and does not meet required hygiene standards.
- Lack of proper drainage for waste removal.
Waste management remains insufficient and poses a significant hygiene and welfare concern.
- Behaviourally stressed dogs have not been independently assessed.
Despite clear signs of pacing, spinning, and tail-biting, Mr. Swartz refuses to request an independent behaviourist evaluation, stating he is qualified to assess the animals himself. This is not accepted as compliance.
- Excessive cobwebs remain throughout the facility.
Mr. Swartz claims cobwebs are used as fly control. This is not appropriate nor compliant with minimum welfare standards.
- No structured exercise regime has been implemented.
Dogs continue to remain confined to kennels without guaranteed daily exercise opportunities, contributing to the behavioural issues previously identified.
- Lighting Improvements Insufficient
Although lighting has been installed in two blocks, current levels are inadequate and do not meet minimum illumination requirements for proper monitoring and welfare.

Summary

While some progress has been made, the level of compliance remains incomplete, and significant welfare concerns continue to persist. Stress-related behaviours, hygiene issues, lack of appropriate waste drainage, and the absence of daily exercise remain critical points requiring urgent corrective action.

Follow up to be done to check on remaining compliance concerns

ACTIONS

OTHER	Follow up to be done to check on remaining compliance concerns
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REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2025-10-31

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REFERRED TO ANOTHER SPCA OR C referred to NSPCA for guidance

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

46 x DOGS (GERMAN SHEPHERD) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

47 x DOGS (BELGIUM MALINOIS) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

7 x DOGS (DUTCH SHEPHERD) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

15 x DOGS (ROTTWEILER) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

2 x DOGS (BLOODHOUND) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

2 x DOGS (BORDER COLLIE) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

3 x DOGS (CANE CORSO) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

1 x DOGS (BOXER) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

2 x DOGS (FRENCH BULLDOG) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

1 x DOGS (SPRINGER SPANIEL) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

1 x DOGS (BELGIAN SHEPHERD) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

1 x DOGS (DOBERMAN) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

1 x DOGS (ROTTWEILER) - AN UNSTERILISED FEMALE CALLED 'TOYA' (COLOUR: BLACK AND BROWN) CONDITION: LAME