



Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Dierebeskermingsvereniging

WARNING IHLV11343/A

NAME & SURNAME: Mr and Mrs Oliver DATE: 30/12/2025

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 4 Harrison Road, Selection Park, Springs

ID No. _____ CELL No 0842446532 REG No. _____

You are hereby warned:

This warning is issued following an inspection conducted on 30 December 2025 under warrant, in terms of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962, in respect of the keeping and treatment of a capuchin monkey (non-human primate) known as Vicky.

1. Noted:

The capuchin monkey's ears had been pierced using an earring gun through your own admission, and earrings had been placed in the ears. Although the earrings were removed prior to inspection, the piercing had already occurred.

Concerns:

Piercing an animal's ears constitutes unnecessary suffering and physical interference and is expressly prohibited under the Animals Protection Act. Non-human primates may experience pain, inflammation, stress, and a heightened risk of infection from such procedures. This practice also demonstrates a lack of understanding of the species' welfare needs.

You are hereby instructed immediately:

- a) That no further physical alterations, cosmetic procedures, or adornments may be performed on the animal or any other animals.

2. Noted:

At the time of inspection, the capuchin monkey did not have a secure, purpose-built enclosure. The animal is currently housed indoors and sleeps in a baby cot. A patio area has been identified as a future enclosure, but construction has not yet commenced.

Concerns:

Capuchin monkeys are arboreal, highly intelligent animals that require secure vertical space, climbing structures, environmental complexity, and controlled outdoor exposure. Domestic housing arrangements and improvised sleeping arrangements do not meet the physical or psychological needs of the species and pose risks of injury, stress, and behavioural deterioration.

You are hereby instructed to by the 31st of January 2026:

- a. Create a secure, species-appropriate enclosure must be constructed, incorporating adequate height, climbing opportunities, enrichment, and protection from the elements.
- b. The enclosure must allow for safe containment as the animal matures.



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3. Noted:

The capuchin monkey was being kept in nappies for extended periods.

Concern:

Routine use of nappies restricts natural movement, interferes with normal toileting behaviour, and increases the risk of skin irritation, infection, and psychological stress. While no injury was noted at the time of inspection, continued use presents a welfare risk.

You are hereby instructed to immediately:

- b) Discontinue the use of nappies

4. Noted:

The capuchin monkey is currently being treated by a general veterinary practitioner who has limited experience with primates. The animal has not received vaccinations or parasite control to date.

Concern:

Non-human primates require specialist veterinary care due to their unique physiology, disease risks (including zoonotic diseases), and complex health needs. Failure to provide appropriate medical care places the animal at risk of preventable illness and suffering.

You are hereby instructed to within 14 days ensure:

- a) A veterinarian with demonstrable expertise in primate medicine must be consulted.
- b) A comprehensive health plan, including vaccinations and parasite control, must be implemented under specialist guidance.

5. Noted:

There is currently no plan in place for socialisation of the capuchin monkey with others of her own species.

Concern:

Capuchin monkeys are highly social animals. Lack of interaction with other of its own species can result in severe behavioural issues, including aggression, self-mutilation, stereotypical behaviours, and psychological distress, particularly as the animal reaches sexual maturity.

You are hereby instructed to submit by the 31st of January 2026 submit the following via email to manager@spcasprings.co.za:

- a) A documented plan must addressing how the animal's social needs will be met.
- b) Contingency plan should the current arrangement become unsuitable as the animal matures.



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*Monthly SPCA follow-up inspections will be conducted to monitor compliance and the animal's welfare.
Failure to comply with the requirements set out in this warning may result in further legal action, including seizure
of the animal in terms of the Animals Protection Act.*

This warning has been issued in terms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act No 169 of 1993.

Failure to comply with this warning may render you liable for prosecution under the Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 and / or Performing Animals Protection Act No 24 of 1935.

Any person who:- obstructs, hinders or resists an officer authorised in terms of the Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 or conceals any animal shall be guilty of an offence in terms of Section 8(4) of the aforementioned Act.

SIGNED & ACCEPTED BY: Henry Oliver

PLACE: Selection Park Springs TIME: 14:00

INSPECTOR: Inspector Annecia le Roux