



60 Calves.

National Council of SPCA's

Animal Welfare Checklist

Cattle - Dairy

Company: Hoogekrood Boerdery (Libertas Trust Farm)

Owner: Johan Potgieter (Plas Dankbaar)

Physical Address: Hoekwil Rd, Ronderlei Turnoff

Postal Address: N/A 0866 753 224

Telephone: cell 883 1067 Fax: geen Cell: 083 460 5414 (care)

E-mail: To obtain

GPS Co-ordinates: N/A

Directions: George to Hoekwil, past Tonsfontein
straight until Ronderlei turnoff on your right
hand side. From there plus minus 2 km on your
left plas Dankbaar.

Date 7/8/23

Time arrived 9:30

Time departed 10:45

		Satisfactory		Comments
		Yes	No	
1.	Initial observations			
1.1	Are emergency contacts available on entry to the property?	✓		<i>Observed only 3 weeks handling calves.</i>
1.2	Are personnel properly trained to handle cattle?	✓		
1.3	Is there a Disaster Management Plan in place?	✓		
1.4	Are personnel familiar with disaster plans?	✓		
2	Calves			
2.1	Pens/shelter			
2.1.1	Are pens/shelters constructed to avoid injuries to calves?	✓		
2.1.2	Are pens/shelters draught free and provide adequate protection against inclement weather?	✓		<i>Camp near house use for mothers and calves no shelter.</i>
2.1.3	Does the size of the pen/shelter allow calves to stand, lie down and turn around?	✓		
2.1.4	Is bedding provided?	✓		
2.1.5	How often are pens cleaned?	-----	-----	<i>Daily</i>
2.1.6	Are pens thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to housing new born calf?	✓		
2.1.7	Is flooring constructed and maintained to avoid any injuries to calves?	✓		
2.1.8	Are calves housed individually?			<i>Yes until certain age then groups.</i>
2.1.9	Are calf pens arranged so that calves can see and hear each other?	✓		
2.1.10	Are calves housed in a group?	✓		<i>Older ones</i>

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2.1.11	Are calves housed indoors and if so does lighting allow for animals to be inspected?	✓		Not Completely indoors, few walls + roof
2.1.12	Is lighting too bright as to cause discomfort to animals?		✓	
2.1.13	How long does lighting remain on?	-----	-----	Not on during the night.
2.1.14	Is ventilation sufficient to remove toxic gases and dust?	✓		
2.1.15	Does ventilation maintain airflow without causing draughts?	✓		
2.1.16	Are calves tethered or chained?		✓	
2.2	Food/water			
2.2.1	At what age are calves taken from the mother?	-----	-----	± 3 days
2.2.2	For how long after birth are calves fed colostrum?	-----	-----	3 days then after from mom
2.2.3	In how many feeds is colostrum administered?	-----	-----	2 to 3 times per day
2.2.4	If suckling is not possible how much colostrum is given to calves via a stomach tube and in how many feeds?	-----	-----	5 liter divided up in 3 feeds. Tubing by Laurie (manager)
2.2.5	Are calves bucket fed?	✓		
2.2.6	Are buckets clean?	✓		
2.2.7	Are calves bottle fed?	✓		
2.2.8	Are bottles and teats clean?	✓		
2.2.9	Are calves given milk substitute?	✓		
2.2.10	Are calves given cow's milk?			Only first days.
2.2.11	How many times a day are calves given milk?			2 Liters x 2 p day.
2.2.11	How much milk is given per feed?	-----	-----	2 liters.
2.2.13	At what age are calves given concentrates?			3 weeks

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2.2.14	At what age are calves provided with water?			4 wks
2.2.15	Is roughage provided?	✓		
2.2.16	If calves are in groups is there a system in place to ensure that they are all able to drink at the same time?	✓		
2.2.17	Is milk fed warm or cold?	-----	-----	Warm
3	Adult cattle			
	Food / water			
3.1	Is grazing available	✓		
3.2	Are cattle provided with a suitable diet?	✓		
3.3	Are supplements and licks provided?	✓		When needed
3.4	Is water freely available to cattle?	✓		
3.5	Is water provided?	✓		
3.6	Are troughs/containers clean?	✓		Dams also
3.7	Are troughs/containers situated so that smallest animal can drink?	✓		
3.8	Are troughs situated to prevent faecal soiling?	✓		
3.9	Can all cattle drink at once?			
3.10	Is any shade or shelter provided for adult cattle?	✓		Only trees
3.11	Are shelters designed to avoid injury to cattle?	✓		Younger Calves
3.12	Does shelter provide protection against inclement weather?	✓		
4	Milking			
4.1	At what times are cows milked?			am 4 pm 2
4.2	Do cows have access to food whilst waiting to be milked?			not observed
4.3	Do cows have access to water whilst waiting to be milked?			not observed
4.4	Do cows have access to shelter whilst waiting to be milked?			not observed

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4.5	Are cows handled humanely during milking process?			not observed
4.6	Is milk checked to ensure mastitis is not present?			not observed
4.7	How are udders cleaned prior to milking?			not observed
4.8	How are udders cleaned after milking?			not observed
4.9	Are all quarters milked thoroughly?			not observed.
4.10	What type of equipment is used?	-----	-----	not observed
4.11	Is equipment well maintained?			not observed
4.12	Are nipples well maintained?			not observed
4.13	Is floor non slip?			not observed
4.14	Are lactating cows milked prior to removal for transportation or sale?			not observed.
5	Health			
5.1	Are routine inoculations and parasite control administered?	✓		
5.2	Are personnel involved in the administration of medicines competent to do so?	✓		Manager & Vet
5.3	Are cattle checked daily for sickness/injury?	✓		
5.4	Are sick/injured cattle isolated and treated promptly?	✓		Quarantine Camp next to house
5.6	Are isolation facilities available?	✓		
5.7	Do isolation facilities provide food, water and shelter?	✓		No shelter, only trees
5.8	What is the mortality rate?	*	*	2%.
5.9	Are mortalities removed promptly?	✓		
5.10	Is emergency slaughter performed where necessary?	✓		Describe method Taken to Roelcor

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6	Handling			
6.1	Are personnel trained to handle livestock?	✓		
6.2	Is suitable handling equipment available?	✓		
6.3	Are cattle left unattended in crushes or any other restraining equipment?		✓	
6.4	Are cattle handled humanely?	✓		
6.5	Is an electric prodder used?		✓	
6.6	If electric prodders are used are they applied to face, anal or genital areas?		✓	
7	Surgical / Routine Procedures			
7.1	Under whose instruction are surgical procedures performed?	*	*	Dr. Botha, Herd Health Veterinary
7.2	Is castration performed?		✓	
7.3	What type of castration is used?		N/A	
7.4	Is tail docking performed?		✓	
7.5	Are nose rings used on bulls?		✓	
7.6	Are nose rings smooth and well fitting?		n/a	
7.7	How long are cows in difficult birth left before help is sought?			Monitored every hour
7.8	Is calving induced and if so by whom?		✓	
7.9	How often are cows checked after being induced?			± 6 hrs
7.10	How often are hooves checked?			Regularly with the rain and mud.
7.11	Is disbudding performed and if so by whom?	✓		Farm Manager.
7.12	For which routine procedures are anti-inflammatory or pain killers used?			Depends on the injury or procedure As per Vet yes.

Veterinary Details:-

Name: Dr. Botha (Kobus)

Practice: George Merd Health Veterinary

Address: W Langenhaven str.

Telephone no / Cell: 087 803 5636

Emergency A/H no: 087 803 5636

General comments:

Issues on farm: 2 Cows with very large udders.
They already under vet treatment. No shelter in
Quarantine Camp. Hendrick let warning to follow up.

Warning issued? yes

Photos taken? yes

Manager / Responsible person (Name & surname) Louise Gordier 084 569 5920

Signature: (not present)

Inspector (Name & surname): Gerda Groenewald & Hendrick Pypers.