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National Council of SPCA's

Animal Welfare Checklist

Cattle - Dairy

Company: Skimmelkroon Boerdery

Owner: George Kuyler

Physical Address: Plaas Platrug

Postal Address: None

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E-mail: _____

GPS Co-ordinates: 34° 01' 260." S 22

Directions: Take off-ramp from Yot st.
towards Mosselbay. Drive ± south and
take Heraldsgay turn-off. Turn left towards
Heraldsgay and first left onto gravel road.
Drove straight towards farm.

Date 30/9/2025

Time arrived 10h50

Time departed 11h40

		Satisfactory		Comments
		Yes	No	
1.	Initial observations			
1.1	Are emergency contacts available on entry to the property?	✓		
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?	✓		Indoor pens
2.1.2	Are pens/shelters draught free and provide adequate protection against inclement weather?	✓		
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?	-----	-----	Daily
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?	✓		
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?		✓	

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2.1.11	Are calves housed indoors and if so does lighting allow for animals to be inspected?	✓		Do have lights installed
2.1.12	Is lighting too bright as to cause discomfort to animals?		✓	
2.1.13	How long does lighting remain on?	-----	-----	
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?	-----	-----	24hrs
2.2.2	For how long after birth are calves fed colostrum?	-----	-----	within 8hrs
2.2.3	In how many feeds is colostrum administered?	-----	-----	2 feeds
2.2.4	If suckling is not possible how much colostrum is given to calves via a stomach tube and in how many feeds?	-----	-----	N/A
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?	✓		
2.2.11	How many times a day are calves given milk?			2 times per
2.2.11	How much milk is given per feed?	-----	-----	16-18% per day
2.2.13	At what age are calves given concentrates?			15 days

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		Yes	No	
2.2.14	At what age are calves provided with water?	✓		
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?		✓	Do not have communal calf pens.
2.2.17	Is milk fed warm or cold?	-----	-----	
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 necessary
3.4	Is water freely available to cattle?	✓		
3.5	Is water provided?	✓		
3.6	Are troughs/containers clean?	✓		
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?	✓		
3.11	Are shelters designed to avoid injury to cattle?	✓		
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?	✓		
4.3	Do cows have access to water whilst waiting to be milked?	✓		
4.4	Do cows have access to shelter whilst waiting to be milked?		✓	

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4.5	Are cows handled humanely during milking process?	✓		
4.6	Is milk checked to ensure mastitis is not present?	✓		
4.7	How are udders cleaned prior to milking?			Clean water
4.8	How are udders cleaned after milking?			No - pre-dip Post-dip
4.9	Are all quarters milked thoroughly?	✓		
4.10	What type of equipment is used?	-----	-----	Waitato
4.11	Is equipment well maintained?	✓		
4.12	Are nipples well maintained?	✓		
4.13	Is floor non slip?	✓		
4.14	Are lactating cows milked prior to removal for transportation or sale?	✓		
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?	✓		
5.3	Are cattle checked daily for sickness/injury?	✓		
5.4	Are sick/injured cattle isolated and treated promptly?	✓		
5.6	Are isolation facilities available?	✓		
5.7	Do isolation facilities provide food, water and shelter?	✓		
5.8	What is the mortality rate?	*	*	2%
5.9	Are mortalities removed promptly?	✓		
5.10	Is emergency slaughter performed where necessary?	✓		Describe method Take to Abattoir

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		Yes	No	
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?			N/A
7	Surgical / Routine Procedures			
7.1	Under whose instruction are surgical procedures performed?	*	*	Veterinarian
7.2	Is castration performed?		✓	
7.3	What type of castration is used?		✓	
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?			±1 hour
7.8	Is calving induced and if so by whom?	✓		Veterinarian or Farm manager
7.9	How often are cows checked after being induced?			40 days after induction
7.10	How often are hooves checked?			every 6 weeks
7.11	Is disbudding performed and if so by whom?	✓		Burnt off
7.12	For which routine procedures are anti-inflammatory or pain killers used?			Only under Vet's instructions

Veterinary Details:-

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Emergency A/H no: 062 3766555

General comments:

Form generally well maintained
Calf pens adequately in size. Good
farm (Dairy) management in place

Warning issued?

No

Photos taken?

Yes

Manager / Responsible person (Name & surname)

George Ryker

Signature :

Inspector (Name & surname) :

Herman Rypard