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**REPORT: MASAKHANE SMALL FARMERS, OFF OU KAAPSE ROAD,
CLANWILLIAM**



Complaint: There are pigs in Clanwilliam at the upcoming informal farmers. Some of the pigs does not have food or water. These pigs are underweight. Other pigs do not have roofs over their enclosures and stand in the sun and rain.

Date of Complaint Received: 18 June 2024 at 16H43

Location: GPS Coordinates: -32.203926, 18.909479 (Masakhane Small Farmers), off Ou Kaapse Road, Clanwilliam

FIRST INSPECTION ON 19 JUNE 2024 AT 12H00

Inspectors attending: Inspector Elani Graham and Trainee Inspector Hugh Lewis from Wellington SPCA

Animals seen:

- Pigs
- Merino Sheep
- Chickens
- Boerbok Goats

General Observations:

Trainee Inspector Hugh Lewis and I, Inspector Graham, arrived at the Masakhane Small Farmers and met with the complainant Anneke Koopman. Anneke informed us that there are lots of separate farmers farming with various animals. Anneke then showed us where the pigs in question are kept, and we informed her that we will be looking at all the animals at this location. Most of the farmers were not present during our time of investigation.

We then did a walk through at each enclosure where animals are kept which took about three hours and left warnings where issues were found.

Whilst going through all the enclosures, we noticed a goat that just gave birth to two kids of which one was very weak and busy dying. We asked a local sheep farmer called Maizer (Cell phone number: 0839266369) to assist us and acted using Section 5 of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962. We ensured that other animals did not see this and covered the body of the kid.

Maizer informed us that one of his kids was busy dying as well and asked if we can help to euthanize it humanely. I used this opportunity to train Hugh to humanely slaughter a goat and he was successful.

Main concerns found at Masakhane were cleanliness, potable water and wet sleeping areas. See the twelve (12) warnings given as follows:

Warning 010:

1. Provide clean water at all times and ensure to fasten water bowls to prevent knock over.
2. Clean the pig's living environment from excess faeces and hazardous material (wire, plastic, rubble, etc.) within 7 days.
3. Ensure to let your pigs roam freely/enlarge the enclosure within 7 days.

Warning 011:

1. Provide clean water for your pigs at all times (some camps have better set-ups).
2. Clean the pig's living environment from excess faeces and hazardous material (wire, plastic, etc.) within 7 days.
3. Make the pig enclosures larger (some set ups are better) within 7 days.

Warning 012:

1. Provide clean water at all times for your animals (ensure water buckets are fixed to prevent
2. knock over)

3. Ensure to clean the pig enclosures from excess faeces and provide a dry/raised space for them to sleep on within 7 days.

Warning 013:

1. Ensure to provide your animals with clean water at all times and fix it to prevent knock over.
2. Clean your animal enclosure from faeces and hazardous material (plastic, metal drums, wire, rubble etc.) within 7 days.
3. Ensure to provide lifted flooring for the pigs (dry space) within 7 days.

Warning 014:

1. Ensure to provide your pigs with water at all times. Fix water bowls to prevent knock over.
2. Clean the pig's living environment from excess faeces within 7 days.
3. Ensure each pig enclosure has a dry, raised sleeping bed within 7 days.

Warning 015:

1. Ensure to provide water for your pigs at all times. Fix bowls to prevent knock over.
2. Clean the pig's living environment from excess faeces within 7 days.
3. Ensure to provide raised, dry sleeping areas for your pigs within 7 days.

Warning 016:

1. Provide clean water for the pigs at all times. Fix the bowl to prevent knock over within 7 days.

Warning 017:

Owner: Jaydrin Kotze, ID number: 9603195219086, Cell phone Number: 0662164153

1. Ensure that the pigs have water at all times. Fix bowls to prevent knock over.
2. Provide raised dry sleeping areas for the pigs within 7 days.

Warning 018:

1. Provide CLEAN water for your pigs at all times. Fix bowls to prevent knock over within 7 days.
2. Clean all the pig's living environment from excess faeces within 7 days
3. Provide raised dry sleeping areas and make outside camps for the pigs within 7 days.

Warning 019:

1. Ensure your pigs have access to water at all times. Fix the bowls to prevent knock over.
2. Clean the pig enclosures from hazardous material (rocks, etc.) to prevent injury within 7 days.

Warning 020:

1. Ensure to provide your pigs with water at all times. Fix bowls to prevent knock over.
2. Ensure to clean the pig enclosures from excess faeces and provide dry sleeping areas within 7 days.

Warning 021:

1. Provide water for your pigs at all times. Fix it to prevent knock over.
1. Ensure to keep the pig enclosures clean and provide raised, dry sleeping areas within 7 days.

We informed most of the people present that we will be following up on Wednesday, 26 June 2024.

FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION ON 26 JUNE 2024 AT 13H00

Inspectors attending: Inspector Elani Graham and Trainee Inspector Hugh Lewis from Wellington SPCA

Animals seen:

- Pigs
- Merino Sheep
- Chickens
- Boerbok Goats
- Cattle

On our way to Clanwilliam, we were delayed by a truck transporting a bull with a broken leg on Meiring Road, Tulbagh on its way towards Tomis Abattoir. We actioned Section 5 of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

Transportation Warning 01:

Owner: Stefan Lombard, Cell phone number: 0626224853

Truck Registration Number: CCM 4656

Driver: Ian Swartz

1. Blind, lame, and severely deformed/ badly injured or otherwise unsound animal(s) should not be transported. Immediate veterinary treatment must be provided to such animal(s) or the animal(s) must be humanely destroyed without delay.
2. Vehicle(s) and trailer(s) used for transporting farm animals must have:
 - 2.1. Adequate sidewalls and partitions – constructed in such a manner to prevent the animal(s) from escaping/ falling out/ becoming stuck or injured.
3. A bull was transported with a broken leg with no partitioning making him fall around. Therefore, Section 5 was utilized. Ensure to never transport injured animals in future.

General Observations:

Trainee Inspector Hugh Lewis and I, Inspector Graham, arrived at the Masakhane and started to do our follow-ups. Today's process took longer as we had to explain to each owner why we were there and educated them.

I informed Anneke that we were there, and she informed all the other informal farmers of this on a WhatsApp group. We met most of the owners and explained to all of them why we are there, who we are and how we got there. Most of the owners have an issue with the local Cederberg Municipality that moved them to this piece of land and promised to give them water regularly and remove waste which they fail to uphold. Farmers were still busy cleaning at the time of our inspection.

The farmers also said that the state veterinarian visited them the day before and claimed that they have his number for emergencies.

Our biggest concern is the farmer with the emaciated pigs. We asked everyone we could whether they know his name or cell phone number, and nobody could identify him. Everyone also claims that they barely see him around and that he comes every now and then. I would like to obtain a court order for him if he doesn't comply with his second Warning #004.

The other owners understood everything we said and already started cleaning and fixing up their places and understood the reasoning behind our warnings.

Some farmers requested that we bring pamphlets on farming with pigs, sheep, goats and cattle.

See the twelve (12) warnings given as follows:

Warning 001:

Owner: Hilton Bumberley, ID number: 7401305581089, Cell phone number: 0603856144

1. As discussed, ensure to provide your pigs with a raised, dry sleeping area to enlarge the enclosure and fix the water bowls to prevent knock over within 7 days.

Warning 002:

Owner: Regenal Ockhuis, ID number: 7802285148088, Cell phone number: 0711150148

1. Ensure to provide your pigs with a raised, dry, sleeping area and ensure to fix your water bowls to prevent knock over within 7 days.

Warning 003:

Owner: Ockie Prins, DOB: 430428, Cellphone number: 0660762356

1. Ensure to keep cleaning your pig's living environment from hazardous material and excess faeces.
2. Provide raised, dry sleeping areas for each pig enclosure to prevent the pigs from getting hypothermia etc. within 7 days.
3. Fix the water bowls to prevent knock over within 7 days.

Warning 004:

1. Your pigs are underweight and kept in dirty, wet conditions.
2. Ensure to provide adequate feed for your pigs immediately.
3. Ensure to fix your water bowls to prevent knock over within 7 days.
4. Ensure to provide a raised, dry sleeping area for your pigs to prevent hypothermia within 7 days.
5. Contact me within 24 hours to discuss the concerns.

Warning 005:

1. Ensure to provide raised, dry flooring/sleeping areas within 7 days (pallets with boards)
2. Ensure to fix the water bowls to prevent knock over within 7 days (place bucket in heavy tyre or crate)

Warning 006:

1. Ensure to provide raised, dry sleeping areas for your pigs to prevent hypothermia etc. within 7 days (flat pallets with solid board fixed to it).
2. Contact me if you have other questions.

Warning 007:

1. Ensure to fix your water bowls by placing heavy bricks around it/ placing a bucket in a tyre to prevent knock over within 7 days.
2. Ensure your pigs have access to water at all times.
3. Contact me if you have any other questions.

Warning 008:

Owner: Jaydrin Kotze, ID number: 9603195219086, Cell phone Number: 0662164153

1. Provide water for your pigs at all times and fix the bowls to prevent knock over (place bucket in tyre/ bricks around bucket) within 7 days.
2. Provide raised, dry sleeping areas for the pigs within 7 days.

Warning 009:

Owner: Toto Mbashe (ID number: 6307105874088, Cell phone number: 0834134277)

1. Ensure that the sleeping area of the pigs are kept dry by adding pallets possibly with a board on top.
2. Ensure that the pigs have water at all times by adding bricks next to the water bowls to prevent knock over.

Warning 010:

1. Ensure to provide your cattle with water at all times. On arrival, they did not have access to water.

Warning 011:

Owner: Matthew Swartz

1. Ensure that a pallet is inserted in the pig's enclosure in order for the pig to have a dry place to sleep whenever it needs to.
2. Ensure to fill a tyre with bricks and insert the water bowl inside to prevent knock over or increase stability by screwing it to the wall or fence to prevent knock over.

Warning 012:

Owner: Carol Booysen (ID number: 6607070085085, Cell phone number: 0733146559)

1. Ensure to insert a pallet with a board on the top so the pig can have access to a dry place to sleep/lay.
2. Insert a tyre with bricks on the side to prevent knock over.

We informed everyone present that we will be returning Wednesday, 3 July 2024. Terence (Cell phone number: 0827455068) also will be meeting with the municipality on Monday and said that he will set up a meeting with them, the farmers and us to have a discussion about the current informal farmers to get on the same page.

To follow up within 7 days and bring necessary pamphlets.

FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION ON 03 JULY 2024 AT 11H00

Inspectors attending: Inspector Elani Graham and Trainee Inspector Hugh Lewis from Wellington SPCA

Animals seen:

- Pigs
- Merino Sheep
- Chickens
- Boerbok Goats
- Cattle

General Observations:

Trainee Inspector Hugh Lewis and I, Inspector Graham, arrived at the Masakhane to do our follow up inspections. We brought pamphlets on livestock farming. I made sure to give each farmer the relevant pamphlets depending on whether they have cattle, sheep/goats or pigs.

Less people were present today than previously. Most of the people complied very well with my previous warnings but there were four farmers that were still concerning. The one farmer that I wanted to get a court order for did comply with water and food.

There are two owners that still had very dirty and wet camps with no drinking water available for their pigs including Toto Mbashe.

We also met with Anneke Koopman again and she took us to another sheep farmer whose sheep was attacked by dogs. The owner did take them to the veterinarian but the wound on its neck was still wide open, raw and had multiple maggots and eggs deep inside the wound. The caretaker called the owner who agreed that we could euthanize the sheep even though it was on antibiotics. I took the opportunity to train Hugh to euthanize large animals. He was successful.

See the four (4) Final warnings given as follows:

Warning 015:

Owner: Ockie Prins, DOB: 430428, Cell phone number: 0660762356

1. The pig camp is open for all pigs to move through but still wet on certain areas. Keep it as dry as possible and consider making drainage
2. The pigs did not have access to water. Ensure to provide water for pigs at all times. Place bucket in tyre to prevent knock over as Hilton Bumberley did with his camp.

Warning 016:

1. Your pig's enclosure is extremely dirty and wet.
2. Ensure to provide your pigs with a dry, raised, sleeping area or closing three sides of the enclosures to protect them from the elements.
3. Clean the living environment thoroughly from excess faeces.
4. Ensure your pigs have clean water at all times.
5. Do all of the above within 7 days.

Warning 017:

1. Ensure to provide your pigs with water at all times. Place a bucket inside a tyre to prevent knock over.

Warning 018:

Owner: Toto Mbashe, ID number: 6307105874088, Cell phone number: 0834134277

1. Your pigs' enclosures have hazardous material that can cause injury to your pigs (wire, rocks, holes, etc.) and some of them is extremely wet with excess faeces.
2. Ensure to provide water at all times. Place bucket inside tyres. There is no water for them at this time.
3. Clean the pig enclosures from hazardous material and faeces within 7 days.
4. Provide dry, raised, sleeping areas for your pigs within 7 days.

To discuss matter with NSPCA on how to go forward with court orders as Toto Mbashe owns 21 pigs.

FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION ON 19 JULY 2024 AT 10H20

Inspectors attending: Inspector Elani Graham from Wellington SPCA and Inspector DJ White from NSPCA Farm Unit

Animals seen:

- Pigs
- Merino Sheep
- Chickens
- Boerbok Goats
- Cattle

General Observations:

I, Inspector Graham arrived at Masakhane to assist Inspector DJ White from the Farm Unit of the NSPCA with this case.

He told me that the situation is quite dire, and he already walked through. It was raining on this day. He then asked me to explain to him what I have done so far and to show him the camps that I have concerns about.

The biggest concerns on this day of our inspection were potable drinking water and cleanliness. It turned out that Cederberg Municipality actually delivered water this week for the first time in months.

I informed Insepector White that there are two enclosures that concern me of which one belongs to Toto Mbashe. We started walking towards Toto's camp and I immediately noticed that Toto complied. Toto broke his entire camp down as the remnants were still visible and he built entire new camps for his pigs with the scraps of the old camp.

We then went to the second concerning enclosure (the owner is named Kevin) with the 5 pigs that are always wet, have no water and are always shivering. We managed to get the owner's number from a neighbouring farmer. Inspector White took the number, contacted him and he agreed to meet later that day. We found a half-cut oil bin and gave the pigs clean drinking water in this container.

We then went to the sheep farmer right next to these pigs. Inspector White found two sheep without adequate shelter earlier in the morning. We then worked together with the farmer to cover the roof with shade cloth and used old asbestos roofing as a floor and covered the holes with another piece of plastic sheet. We also put a water container there with clean water.

We also assisted another sheep farmer that had a sheep limping and the shelter was also very wet underneath. We checked the hooves for any signs of infection, injuries or foot rot but did not find anything except ticks. Inspector White then asked the owner for a shovel and showed him how to make drainage lines to get the water out of the camp. We then borrowed his shovel and went to Mr. Prins' pigs.

Mr. Prins' camps were extremely wet. I told Inspector White what it looked like before and how it has improved as all the trash has been cleared and the owner tried placing pallets inside the camps at the back for dry sleeping areas. Despite this, it was still extremely muddy. The pigs did not have water even though Mr. Prins fixed the water bowls against the walls to prevent knock over. We then tried to dig ditches to help the water and silt to get out of the camp. We managed to assist with this in a minor way.

We went back to the bakkie, Inspector White called "Naz" to ask him about the way forward. "Naz" confirmed that the case has been handed over to the NSPCA and that they will deal with it from now on. Three (3) members of Masakhane Small Farmers arrived with the owner, Kevin, that we called earlier.

We then explained everything to them and how to proceed going forward. We mentioned if they don't comply, the Cederberg Municipality and the Masakhane Small Farmers Union can be prosecuted. We showed them each camp that had an issue and gave advice and solutions as we walked through. I suggested ideas such as getting blue oil drums, buying nipples at Agrimark and making a JoJo tank type of set up to provide water for the pigs. They also claimed most farmers don't have contracts. We mentioned they need to stand together and sort the contracts out and help each other with ideas.

This was a very productive day. DJ took most of the photos on his phone.

Case can be closed on our side.

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CASE CLOSED – WELLINGTON SPCA HANDED OVER TO THE NSPCA FARM UNIT

Please find photos of owners and different dates below.

Kind regards,

**Insp. E Graham
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Wellington SPCA**

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

Address photos taken: GPS Coordinates: -32.203926, 18.909479 (Masakhane Small Farmers), off Ou Kaapse Road, Clanwilliam

Owner of animal/s: Masakhane Small Farmers

Date photos taken: 19 June 2024

Photos taken by: Insp. E Graham

Photos taken with: Oppo Reno 10 5G Cell Phone



Photo 1: Underweight pigs in wet camp with non-potable water.



Photo 2: Pig with no access to water.



Photo 3: Pig enclosure belonging to Hilton Bumberley.



Photo 4: Enclosure belonging to Ockie Prins with hazardous material.



Photo 5: Sheep enclosure belonging to complainant Anneke Koopman.



Photo 6: Pig enclosure belonging to Kevin.



Photo 7: Pig enclosure belonging to Toto Mbashe.

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Photos taken with: Samsung Galaxy A14



Photo 8: Bull transported with broken right hind leg.



Photo 9: Two isolation stables, feed room and office.



Photo 10: Vehicle Registration of truck transporting bull.



Photo 11: Pig enclosure belonging to Hilton Bumberley.



Photo 12: Enclosure belonging to Ockie Prins with hazardous material cleared and pigs free roaming.



Photo 13: Underweight pigs in wet camp with non-potable water.



Photo 14: Pig enclosure belonging to Kevin.



Photo 15: Pig enclosure belonging to Jaydrin Kotze.



Photo 16: Chicken enclosure belonging to Jaydrin Kotze.



Photo 17: Cattle enclosure.



Photo 18: Pig enclosure belonging to Carol Booyesen.

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Photo 19: Pig enclosure belonging to Hilton Bumberley.



Photo 20: Pig enclosure belonging to Hilton Bumberley.



Photo 21: An empty pig enclosure with no pigs but the right idea.



Photo 22: Enclosure belonging to Ockie Prins extremely wet and no drinking water.



Photo 23: Sheep's neck wound with a maggot infestation that we euthanized.



Photo 24: Cattle kept in a camp with water and shelter.



Photo 25: Pig enclosure belonging to Kevin.



Photo 26: Pig enclosure with unknown owner that has dry space and wet space. We gave water as the bucket was empty on arrival.



Photo 27: Pig enclosure belonging to Jaydrin Kotze.



Photo 28: Pig enclosure belonging to Toto Mbashe.



Photo 29: Pig enclosure belonging to Mathew Swartz.



Photo 30: Pig enclosure belonging to Carol Booyesen.

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Photo 31: Inspector Graham and farmer fixing shelter for two sheep in enclosure.



Photo 32: After shelter was fixed.



Photo 33: Inspector White digging drainage for Ockie Prins pig enclosure.



Photo 34: Pig enclosure belonging to Kevin.



Photo 35: Inspector White and Inspector Graham checking hooves of goat that is limping.



Photo 36: Newly built pig enclosures belonging to Toto Mbashe.



Photo 37: Pig enclosure belonging to Jaydrin Kotze.