

WELLINGTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IGGB12450

Complaint Reference No.

Building: -33.649359, 18.958630
Street: R45
Suburb: R45
Postal Code: 7655
Inspector: INSPECTOR ONE
Date of Inspection: 2024-08-13
Time of Inspection: 13:40

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: BRANDON
Company: JUHANATHA STUD FARM
Identification:
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REPORT

Access Granted By: Brandon
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Worker
Captured By: INSPECTOR ONE 2024-08-13 11:44

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes	
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	No	
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	Stud farm

General Report Comments: Veterinarian: George from WAHG (family member)
Farrier: Johannes Maasdorp from Bloemfontein every 6 weeks 0839411019
Dentist: Benny Walden 0825306709 every 6 months

Hugh Lewis and I, Elani arrived at the farm and met with Brandon who opened up for us. He asked me how the Animals Protection Act works as he read through it. I explained the definition of owner and animals to him and that Section 2(1)(b) is relevant to them. They have 9 groomers in total that knows how to work with horses and the cleaning process.

He started taking us through the stable building. The corridor is lined with rubber matting to prevent horses from slipping. Each stable has automatic water containers, feeding holes and white boards. They also keep specific feed and tack for each horse by its stable. The roof of this building has extractors and water misters to cool the roof down in the summer. In summer each stable has its own fan. They are however going to unstick an aircon system for the summer like they have in the veterinarian room. Next to these stables is an indoor exercise warehouse where the oathay and lucern is also kept. They use this warehouse for additional shelter if needed in cases of flooding. There were eight horses kept in here at the time of our inspection. I did notice one mare with an extreme swayback. He said she had a baby once but she is not used for breeding and riding at all anymore and gets checked on regularly. They got her from America like this.

We then went to the outside enclosures and rings. Brandon explained that the horses will be in the bull rings maximum for an hour each day. The enclosures are massive and there were more stables on the other side of the farm. They have a problem with flooding and are trying to manage it by building drainage lines, rotating the horses throughout the camps and not using the flooded camps. It was extremely water logged everywhere.

Whilst outside, the owner came to speak with us and was very upset about the complaint. We managed to understand each other and came down to the same conclusions on what is best for the horses. He agreed that he is planning to build shelter but can only do it in the summer if he wants to do it properly as the soil is extremely water logged and cement won't dry with rain and wet soil. I understood this and we both agreed that I can do a follow up in December to see what they have been able to do with the outside enclosures. There are very similar issues this year on other stables in Wellington that claim they can only build when the rain has passed which is understandable. I have seen several places with broken down shelter and shade cloth does not work with the wind and rain.

The owner left and I explained to Brandon now that they know after this winter which camps get flooded and which are better, I would recommend building shelter in the drier camps rather than those that flood and when a situation like that comes around again they can use those camps. He agreed that it made sense especially with the R45 and R44 being so closeby.

After today I am satisfied and the horses are in great condition. They are show horses and worth about half a million each. They have alternative plans for now like the indoor exercise run that is quite large and can be used to keep the horses safe in case of floods.

Instead of horse boxes they have truck trailers.

To do a follow up in December on the shelter as agreed by Brandon and the owner.

ACTIONS

OWNER EDUCATED

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2024-12-11

NO CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE APA -

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

20 x HORSES / DONKEYS (SADDLER) - UNSTERILISED FEMALES (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: Good

Description:

50 x HORSES / DONKEYS (SADDLER) - MALE (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: Good