

WELLINGTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

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Complaint Reference No.

Building: OUDE WELLINGTON BRANDY ESTATE
Street: BAINSKLOOF ROAD
Suburb:
Postal Code: 7654
Inspector: INSPECTOR ONE
Date of Inspection: 2024-07-16
Time of Inspection: 16:35

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: ROLF SCHUMACHER
Company:
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2: 0832373152

REPORT

Access Granted By: Rolf Shumacher
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: INSPECTOR ONE 2024-07-17 11:14

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes, but not adequate ***	Some birds don't have a shelter inside cage to keep them from
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***	Some cages have access faeces
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	One bird has loss of feathers
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	One bird has feather loss
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Free roaming - in property	

General Report Comments: Elani and I,Hugh arrived at the farm and the property. We then noticed the horses in the distant while we drove past. We then arrived at the restaurant and knocked on the door, no one answered. We then heard someone talking around the corner of the restaurant.

When walking around we noticed 3 males sitting on a bench seemingly working on the farm and asked where the owners are, then they pointed in the direction where we would be able to find them and we walked in the direction.

We knocked and we were greeted by one of the workers. We then introduced ourselves and we were invited in and guided towards the owner of the farm.

While walking towards the owner we noticed 2 large breed dogs one Boerboel x named Gina and one St. Bernard named Einstein who were in good condition.

We then met up with the owner, we introduced ourselves and explained what we are there for. He then understood and we asked him about the birds which he then mentioned those are his wife's birds apparently known as Zhu-zhu. When asked about the horses he mentioned those are not his horses but someone who's named Marli Louw. When asked about the dogs he mentioned he actually has 3 dogs, the Boerboel, St. Bernard and a husky female named Crystal. He also mentioned he has 2 alpacas.

When asked to see the birds he then called his wife Zhu-zhu from downstairs. When she arrived she was seemingly very annoyed. We then introduced ourselves and explained why we were there. She then seemed very confused and kept telling us that other people's animals make more noise than their animals, which we then kept explaining that we are there for the welfare of the animals and not for the noise. She then seemed very irritated and her husband explained to her why we are there. She also mentioned that she doesn't speak English fluently but we picked up that she does understand what we are saying and her responses point out that she can fully interpret what we say and respond.

We then saw one of her birds who are seemingly very attached to her climb on her shoulder and walk around the house loose in okay condition. When asked what types of birds she has she mentioned she has: Moustache Parakeets, Cockatiels, Sun canary, Parrot, Parakeet, Ringnecks and Cockatoo. We asked her if we could take a look at the rest of the birds and she complied. She then took us to a spot on the farm next to their private house. She allowed us inside (see documents). We then saw a bunch of exotic birds which were all in okay condition while taking pictures she mentioned that she doesn't want us taking pictures which we then stopped immediately therefore no further photos were taken or uploaded.

We noticed in the big cage that there were very little environmental enrichment. There were about 20 birds in the large cage next to the house. She allowed us out again and we asked her what she feeds and she then showed us the fresh fruits and nuts as well as bird feed that she feeds to the birds.

We then asked to see the rest of the birds that we noticed while walking through towards the home of the owners and she then took us in that direction. We noticed that the different breeds are kept separately, some of the birds had access faeces and some of them had boxes in the cages and some didn't (moustache parakeets). When asked how often the cages are cleaned she mentioned that she employs someone once a week in order to clean the birds' cages. One of the birds (sun conure) has a loss of feathers which could possibly be a veterinary issue. She also mentioned she uses Cape exotic animal hospital in Durbanville for her birds.

When told that that specific bird (sun canary) does not look well she became very hostile and mentioned that she knows her birds and that she cannot pay R1500 just for a test. She also then went upstairs to get a box filled with medicines for the birds for stress, fighting as well as vitamins.

She then became very hostile and mentioned they do not have funds to fix the areas where birds are kept as well as take the bird to the vet. We then mentioned that it is her responsibility as owner to make sure all her animals are in good condition because it's her choice to own different types of birds.

We then called her husband and explained to him what the warning was for and he seemed very sarcastic and seemed understanding.

We then issued warning 022 to:

- 1.Ensure to provide extra ropes, environmental enrichment and boxes(shelter) for the big every within 14days.
- 2.Ensure to provide adequate shelter for the mustache parakeets within 14 days.
- 3.provide the sun canary with veterinary treatment as it has feather loss within 72hours.
- 4.Ensure to clean all the enclosures properly from excess faeces within 7 days.This includes the walls perches and boxes.

Horses:

Horses belong to Marli Louw and not Rolf.They were not present at the time of our inspection and the gate was closed.We could see one horse without water,Shelter and cracked hoofs.We also saw a few horses in the distance but did not have access to area.

Left contact warning on the gate as no one was present.

Warning 038 was issued to:

- 1.Contact me within 24hours to discuss the concerns regarding your dogs and horses.

Follow up today for horses.

ACTIONS	
Warning Issued	022,038

REPORT OUTCOMES	
Follow-up inspection to be conducted	2024-07-17

INSPECTION ANIMALS	
Description:	
1 x BIRDS (BIRD) - (COLOUR: Various parakeets, cockatiels, maaws and cockatoos, ringnecks) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED	