

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: 2024-08-08
Time of Inspection: 13:25

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

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Identification:
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REPORT

Access Granted By: Chong-zu
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: INSPECTOR ONE 2024-08-08 13:22

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***	Excess faeces,excess food and built up algae
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes	
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	No	
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	Birds

General Report Comments:

Hugh and I, Elani arrived at the property to see whether Chong-zu has cleaned the bird cages like we asked. As we approached their house, Chong-zu saw us and we greeted her and told her why we were there again as she was not present during the previous inspection. She mentioned she sent an email to the NSPCA about me and asked about the technicalities regarding this. I explained that if she sent it to them, they will be in communication with my manager Elizabeth Down. She went inside to get a small book containing the days her staff cleaned the cages. She does this once a week and mentioned that I cannot just arrive and expect everything to be clean as the birds' poop and eat every day. I tried explaining to her what I mean by the cleaning process and offered that we walk through, and I can show her what I mean as we go. I explained that we can do so that I can show her what I saw on my previous visit, and she agreed. She said we can do the parrots in the smaller cages first that are kept away from the main house. We walked towards this space. She said she does not understand what I want and said, "I want to learn" and "I do not speak good English" several times. However, she did respond to most of my questions throughout the inspection. When we struggled with a certain word, she translated it on her phone to understand better.

We went to an Octagon shaped cage containing Ring Necks. This cage has an open floor and is placed directly on brick flooring that has algae and might be problematic to clean properly as it is directly on the floor. I then tried to make suggestions on what would be easier to clean. I showed her a cage that had a mesh floor, and it was lifted from the floor on bricks. In this cage the faeces and food fall through onto the floor and it's not in direct contact with the birds kept in this cage. It is also easier to sweep the dry matter from underneath and to spray it down when needed. She then mentioned that she and her husband (Mr. Schumacher) are married out of community, and she does not have money to buy or build new cages. However she did mention her lawyer a few times. I saw lots of square wire sheets and metal gates etc. behind us and suggested that she can even lift the cage, put this on as a floor and place the cage on bricks like the other one and does not have to spend money on this. She kept on saying she cannot do it as the shape of the cage is an octagon. I explained several times that she does not have to cut the wire in that shape, she can make a square bigger than the floor, place it underneath and then cut it accordingly. They have staff members on the farm that can help her with this. She then went to the house to get paper to draw the cages and write down words she does not understand correctly to translate it. She returned and drew the octagon cage. She then said that it will traumatize the birds in the cage when they do this and use the high-pressure hose to clean everything. I then explained that the birds must be taken out whilst cleaning and building the cages like this and that she does have bird travel crates she can use. She kept on saying that every time they clean, they must move the birds out. I explained not necessarily as the cages can be cleaned like this every now and again, when necessary, but they must clean the excess faeces and food that falls onto the ground daily. She said this is traumatic as well. I then explained whoever goes inside must do it calmly and quietly. I also explained that they only need to use a scoop to clean this daily when they change the water and food daily. She asked to record me, and I agreed and asked her whether I could record her as well and she agreed. I also asked whether I could take photographs, and she agreed and said not to take photographs of the birds themselves as she is scared someone might try to steal them. She also mentioned must her birds not poop and eat every day and compared them to the wild birds showing a wild bird in the tree next to us. I then explained the legislation relating to the Animals Protection Act 71 Of 1962 by explaining the definition of an owner to her and explaining that the birds is in her custody, control, charge and possession and they are confined. Therefore, she must take responsibility in caring for them as needed as they are caged and not in the wild. She then asked what the Warning that I wrote is and what type of warnings we have. She kept on using the word Order as well. I then explained the way the SPCA works across the country. We issue warning in accordance with the Animals Protection Act 71 Of 1962 as a way of education and that if somebody contravenes anything in it, we give them a timeframe to work with us and eventually if there is noncompliance we can obtain a court order from the Magistrates Court. She wrote down the following words to translate it to Chinese to understand it better: "Contravention" "compliance", the warnings we mostly work with such as the Warning with lines, Warning tick off, Notice to Comply, Seizure Notice, Sale/Hawking Warning and transportation Warning. I also explained that I am authorized by the local Magistrate to do what I do. She said she wants to learn, and I can spend the whole day there for her to learn.

We then walked to the bird enclosures kept next to the large bird aviary next to her house. We went to one of the cages where cockatiels are kept that has a tray that can be pulled out to clean the floor. She got hostile and said that the birds are breeding and why did I touch the tray on my previous visit as there are signs that say, "Please do not feed the birds or touch the cages". I explained that she was not there that day, and nobody stopped me from pulling the tray out to see the cleanliness. She showed me the sign next to the tree which I had not seen on my previous visit. I apologized. This made Chong-zu more aggravating towards me. We went to the enclosure with the roof that needed to be fixed but she moved the birds from this cage, and it was empty now. I then went to the cage with the rusted wall where the Rainbow Lorikeets are kept and showed her the rust

and dirty conditions. This cage was still littered with excess faeces and food and is very dark. This is when she mentioned the roof of the other cage again and said the birds need sunlight. She said: "Do I know my bird breeds?". I told her that I am merely enforcing the APA and am not a bird expert. To this she got excited to me saying I am not a bird expert. I then showed her other darker more closed up cages and said if the sun is an issue, why don't those cages not have sun like the Rainbow Lorikeets one. She got frustrated and we went to see the rest of the cages. We then stopped at another one with no tray at the bottom. This is when she went inside to fetch the cleaning materials and the worker that cleans to show me how they clean the cages. She brought a scoop, a cement scraper, a spray bottle and a bottle of F10 SC. The worker went inside the cage top show me how she cleans properly. She scraped the floor and used the scoop to collect the dirty materials. She then sprayed only the floor of the cage with F10 SC. She then left the enclosure. This took approximately less than 10 minutes. I then explained again how they should clean properly once and scrub the floor from excess faeces, algae and food and just do what the worker did daily. Chong-zu kept explaining that she doesn't understand the word scrub and cannot do it daily. When I tried explaining what I meant to her again she talked over me and did not give me a chance to explain. She expected me to stay the entire day to see how they clean all the cages as "It is my job". I then started drafting a warning for cleanliness again and tried to phrase it as best and simply as I could.

To continue report in case discussion.

ACTIONS	
Warning Issued	039

REPORT OUTCOMES	
Follow-up inspection to be conducted	2024-08-08

INSPECTION ANIMALS	
Description:	50 x BIRDS (BIRD) - (COLOUR: Various parakeets, cockatiels, maaws and cockatoos, ringnecks) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED
Description:	1 x DOGS (BOERBOEL) - MALE CALLED 'Gino' (COLOUR: Brown) CONDITION: Good
Description:	1 x DOGS (SAINT BERNARD) - MALE CALLED 'Einstein' (COLOUR: White brown black) CONDITION: Good
Description:	1 x DOGS (SIBERIAN HUSKY) - FEMALE CALLED 'Crystal' (COLOUR: Typical) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED
Description:	1 x DOGS (RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'Rocco' (COLOUR: Brown) CONDITION: Good
Description:	1 x DOGS (ROTTWEILER) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'Remi' (COLOUR: Black and brown) CONDITION: Good
Description:	1 x DOGS (ROTTWEILER) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'Romi' (COLOUR: Black and white) CONDITION: Good
Description:	1 x DOGS (X BREED (UNKNOWN)) - A STERILISED FEMALE CALLED 'Vlooi' (COLOUR: Black and white) CONDITION: Good
Description:	1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (HORSE) - AN UNSTERILISED FEMALE CALLED 'Ameera' (COLOUR: Grey) CONDITION: Swayback