

WELLINGTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IGHH10340

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 15 NEW ESKDALE STREET
Suburb:
Postal Code: 7646
Inspector: INSPECTOR ONE
Date of Inspection: 2024-08-20
Time of Inspection: 13:20

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: ALFRED SHORT
Company:
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2: 0760734477

REPORT

Access Granted By: Mrs Short
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: INSPECTOR ONE 2024-08-20 09:47

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***	Hazardous material, built up hair, parasitic conditions.
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	2 hip dysplasia dogs, 1 blind and deaf dog
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	No	
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Free roaming - in property	

General Report Comments: Hugh and I Elani arrived at the house which is very large. We looked for the entrance as it looks like old business property with 2 meter plus walls and barbed wire. We found the main gate and had to call the owner to open up for us. She said she is cleaning and will come to the door. She opened for us and we introduced ourselves. As she opened the door, we could get a immediate pungent smell of urine and saw that this place is hoarded. The front yard has lots of hazardous material, old broken down cars, boxes, old furniture with leaf litter and excess hair and dirt everywhere. We could also see the garden was heavily overgrown. Before taking us inside the house where the dogs are kept she gave us their details. She mentioned that the two large dogs has hip dysplasia and are brothers. She also mentioned the Jack Russel is old, blind and deaf. And she is looking after her sister in laws Rottweiler. As the property is so large I asked whether her sister in law stays there and she said no she will be moving to Gordons Bay and then take the dog with. Before I could ask, she mentioned that the previous owners of the house were hoarders and left everything behind just as is. I then asked when they moved in and she said 6 years ago. She immediately mentioned Covid held them back to clean because of their jobs etc. and it is only her and her partner that stays there and can clean. For 6 years, the state of the house is still in disarray and it really seems nothing has been done. She took us into the home where the dogs are kept. The house was empty, had several dog beds and was recently cleaned. We walked through the house and I could spot at least one room with boxes stacked inside. When going past her bedroom she said sorry for the mess and I noticed the vacuum and a large pile of clothing in the corner. This tells me that they might be hoarders as well. The two large dogs are extremely scared of new people. They are feeding good food Lakudo. She then took us to the backyard that was also overgrown and hoarded with stuff. They also have a pool with an old cover and vegetation growing on top of it. She had to put the Rottweiler in a cage as he is aggressive. There was a hoarded shed there in the cage as well. The entire garden is overgrown at the back with branches cut down from the trees and it looked like someone tried to build cages previously as there are vibravrete posts planted in the back yard. She said the previous owners bred with Rottweilers and she doesn't know what they tried to build there. The chickens are kept on the side of the house and are free roaming. They are kept away from the dogs. As we walked through the yard she showed buckets of water for the dogs but they all contained non potable water. I do not know if the owner is telling the truth about the previous owners being hoarders and them not being able to clean since covid. The owner also said that the Boerboels are on Coxflam and that one of them slipped and injured its hip further. I also observed the blind dog walking into furniture still not knowing its surroundings.

I reject this homecheck as I believe Mike might be at risk of unnecessary injury and exposed to parasitic living conditions which is in contravention to the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

ACTIONS

WELFARE CHECK	Hoarding
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REPORT OUTCOMES

CASE FINALISED - NFA

CHECKLIST COMPLETED - SEE ATTACHMENT

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

1 x DOGS (JACK RUSSELL TERRIER) - A STERILISED FEMALE (COLOUR: White and brown) CONDITION: Blind and deaf

Description:

1 x DOGS (GERMAN SHEPHERD X) - A STERILISED MALE (COLOUR: Brown and black) CONDITION: Hip dysplasia

Description:

1 x DOGS (GERMAN SHEPHERD X) - A STERILISED MALE (COLOUR: Black and brown) CONDITION: Hip dysplasia

Description:

4 x POULTRY (CHICKEN - HEN) - FEMALE (COLOUR: Browns) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

1 x DOGS (AFRICANIS) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'MIKE' (COLOUR: TAN) CONDITION: GOOD