

WELLINGTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IGKI11225

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 12A ROOS
Suburb: WELLINGTON
Postal Code: 7654
Inspector: INSPECTOR ONE
Date of Inspection: 2024-11-22
Time of Inspection: 10:50

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: Sarel Van Wyk
Company:
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2:

REPORT

Access Granted By: No Access
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner:
Captured By: INSPECTOR ONE 2024-11-26 12:25

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***	Excess faeces, rubble and overgrown vegetation.
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	Skin condition, neurological issues
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	Eye issues, skin condition and neurological issues, bed sores
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Free roaming - in property	

General Report Comments: Hugh and I, Elani obtained the court order from the magistrates court. We were then assisted by Sergeant Moses and Constable Adams from Wellington SAPS. This court order execution took us 3 hours.

Upon arrival, we found that nobody was home. Hugh and I proceeded to climb over the fence but realized that the garage is enclosed and it is almost impossible to get to the backyard.

We then asked our colleagues to assist us with a ladder. Enzo and Deborah arrived at the premises. Enzo also entered the property. We then climbed on top of the roof from the garage to see what the living conditions of the dog is and whether we can lift the dog on top of the roof.

We saw that the back property was indeed filled with excess faeces, had overgrown vegetation and there was rubble. We observed a large Boerboel dog that appeared to have a skin condition and to be old. The roof was also very high. Because we don't know the dog and its size, it would be risky to remove the dog over the roof. We saw that there was a back door on the garage as well that was closed. There were also automatic feeders and water containers for the dog in the backyard.

That is when the neighbour on the right came out and gave me the details of the owner named, Sarel van Wyk and his telephone number. I tried calling him several times but he did not answer his phone. I also sent a message to which he has never responded.

We then reconvened about what to do and called several locksmiths to assist us in opening the garage. We found a man named Danie who assisted us. He removed the locks on the front gate and the garage. When we did this, we realized that the garage door is bolted and closed from the inside and that there is no way to get through to the back.

This is when the neighbour agreed that we can cut the barbed wire on his side of the wall and try to seize the dog through his property.

We went there, cut the thorn bush and the barbed wire and removed it. The smell was strong and pungent. Hugh decided to take a chance by climbing over the wall with the ladder to get the dog used to him. I then fetched the transport crate, handed it over the wall to Hugh and Hugh got the dog inside of the crate. Sgt Moses and I also climbed over the wall and observed the extent of the excess faeces in the yard. We lifted the dog crate over the wall whilst Constable Adams held it on the other side. Half way over, Hugh and Sgt Moses climbed over to get the box whilst I stood behind. We successfully got the dog out of the yard.

I climbed back over the wall and started issuing the seizure notice with all documents attached. I left the seizure notice, Regulation 468, and court order in a plastic sleeve on the gate and closed it with new locks that we bought for his property. Hugh and I then returned to the neighbour to fix the barbed wire again.

Hugh took the dog to WAHG (Dr Elani van Wyk) for a veterinary report. It was found that he had a dry coat, abnormal gait, had a fever of 40 degrees and Conjunctivitis.

See report, slips and documentation attached.

The owner called back later that afternoon to the office about 14:00. Whilst I was trying to explain the situation to him, he dropped the line. He was hostile and wanted us to bring him the keys of the locks instead of getting it from us. We refused and he never came to the Spca on Friday.

To obtain OB number from SAPS on Monday.

To see whether owner claims animal by the 29th of November 2024. If not, the dog becomes our property and we can proceed with the prosecution process.

ACTIONS

ANIMAL/S SEIZED	04
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REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted	2024-11-26
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ANIMAL(S) CONFISCATED	Boerboel
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INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

1 x DOGS (BOERBOEL) - CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED