

WELLINGTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

PGHM08483

Complaint Reference No.

Building: WELLINGTON PET SHOP
Street: 72 MAIN ROAD
Suburb:
Postal Code: 7655
Inspector: INSPECTOR ONE
Date of Inspection: 2024-08-27
Time of Inspection: 14:00

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: Gerhard Koots
Company:
Identification: 630327
Email: info@wpetshop.co.za
Tel 1:
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REPORT

Access Granted By: Gerhard Koots
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: INSPECTOR ONE 2024-08-27 16:26

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes, but dirty / not potable	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	No ***	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***	Fish and birds
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	Canary dwollen eyes, not flying
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	As above
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - inadequate space ***	Fish and birds

General Report Comments: Hugh and I Elani arrived at the facility to do a proactive inspection. We introduced ourselves to Gerhard and asked explained why we were there. He gave us permission to enter and inspect. (See checklist as well)

We first went to the birds. All the cages had excess food and built up faeces. All the water bowls had built up algae. The food was mainly either sunflower seeds or budgie feed. Very basic and not nutritious. We observed a canary in need of veterinary treatment as it could fly, had faeces on its tail and swollen eyes. This canary was not isolated.

The fish tanks also had built up algae or debris inside or on the lids of the tanks. A gold fish was kept in a tank with no light, filter or pump and enrichment was needed.

I then told the owner I am going to issue a warning to them to fix the issues. He also informed me that they isolate sick fish and try to treat but let it die. I educated him on humanely euthanizing fish with clove oil.

The owners were then very hostile towards us and gave our donation tin back to us. They claim to use Dr Maryke van Wyk as a veterinarian.

I issued a warning to:

Fish:

- 1) Ensure to euthanize fish humanely by adding 0.4ml clove oil to a liter of water
- 2) Most of the fish tanks had dirty covers and excess dirt and algae inside. This can be toxic and needs to be cleaned within 66 hours.
- 3) Some of the fish tanks did not have hiding spaces. Ensure to provide suitable hiding spaces / environmental enrichment within 66 hours.
- 4) A gold fish was observed to be in a small container with no lighting, filtration and pumps. Ensure to provide adequate housing for this fish within 20 hours.

Birds:

- 5) Some birds only had sunflower seeds as a diet. Ensure to provide species specific food for your birds. Transfer the feed slowly over time to provide more nutrient rich food.
- 6) The cages had excess faeces, dirty water bowls that needs to be cleaned thoroughly within 66 hours.
- 7) A canary was observed to be sick with excess faeces on his tail, not flying and swollen eyes. Provide veterinary treatment and email the proof thereof to inspectorate@wellingtonspca.co.za within 20 hours.
- 8) Refrain from using Jays fluid as cleaning product immediately as it is toxic to birds.

Gerhard signed and accepted the warning. They returned our donation can and became hostile towards us. To follow up tomorrow and Friday.

ACTIONS

Warning Issued

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REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2024-08-28

CHECKLIST COMPLETED - SEE ATTACHMENT

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

50 x BIRDS (BIRD) - (COLOUR: Canary, lovebird, budgie, finch, doves, quail) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

50 x WILDLIFE (FISH) - (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED