

WELLINGTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

PGK612450

Complaint Reference No.

Building: TOMIS ABATTOIR
Street: R44 HERMON ROAD
Suburb:
Postal Code: 7654
Inspector: INSPECTOR ONE
Date of Inspection: 2024-12-27
Time of Inspection: 11:50

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: BOK PRETORIUS
Company:
Identification:
Email: BOK@TOMIS.CO.ZA
Tel 1:
Tel 2: 0224481680

REPORT

Access Granted By: Robin Abrahams
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Worker
Captured By: INSPECTOR ONE 2024-12-27 11:37

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes	
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	No	
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	Abattoir

General Report Comments: Hugh and I, Elani arrived at the case to do the follow up on our previous warning sent. Since the first warning was sent, no response has been received. Today we were assisted by Robin Abrahams (roabrahams@pnp.co.za) from Pick and Pay. We explained to him why we were there and what happened on our previous inspection. He was very curious and understanding to learn about what our role is and what should be done.

We first went to the sheep holding area to see whether the staff has complied with ensuring that sheep has access to water at all times when in the holding camps and to ensure the handling of the sheep is acceptable with no tail twisting, pulling of legs etc. The conveyer belt was in working order today and the staff present handled the sheep in an acceptable manner. The process moved quite smoothly and quick. There were water troughs in all holding camps today to which they complied. We then went to the cattle area and noticed a bakkie with a trailer waiting with a cow to be offloaded or slaughtered (info: 0837213832, Mr van Der Byl; CN14816) as there are usually vehicles in that vicinity. Before becoming aware of the situation, we did the followup on the cattle slaughter run area as this is the first area you reach before the holding area where the cattle are kept. When we inspected the run, it was in horrendous shape and absolutely no changes has been made to the metal sheeting and non slip flooring of this area. In fact, today one of the rods were bent so bad that it was bent in a loop about 1 meter high. Luckily one of the workers, not the manager Thomas, stopped the line because of this. I demanded that they fix and remove this piece of metal immediately from the run. They got the maintenance worker to weld this piece off. We made the same suggestions as the previous time. Today rubble was also seen inside the run such as broken broom sticks etc.

We then went to the holding area and noticed the cow in question. This man waited with the cow the entire time he was busy there which was definitely more than 15 minutes. Only when we noticed and reprimanded them to emergency slaughter the cow as she was lame, was she taken to the emergency slaughter area. Things were chaotic and the stunner almost stunned the cow before the cutter was ready. They slaughtered the cow successfully.

In light of my inspection conducted on the 10th of December 2024 accompanied by Robin Abrahams, the following concerns were observed and must be rectified as discussed, by 07 January 2024, unless stated otherwise. See Meat Safety Act 40 of 2000 [Section 11(1)(h)], Red Meat Regulations, SANS 1488:2014 – Humane transportation of livestock by road and the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

You are hereby warned that:

1. Upon inspection, it was observed that a member of the public brought in an injured cow that could not stand. This cow waited to be taken to the emergency slaughter area for more than 15 minutes after we noticed it. Only when we noticed, did the staff attend to the matter. This is unacceptable. (See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Sec 2(1)(e) and see SANS 1488:2014 – Humane transportation of livestock by road).
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 - b. I suggest removing the grids and making sufficient large and deep grooves in the floor/cement to prevent injury and provide non-slip flooring.
 - c. Rubble was also seen in the cattle run that needs to be removed at all times.
3. The cattle slaughter runs have metal panels on the side that still have several areas that have sharp, exposed edges that can cause injury and additional stress to the cattle waiting to be slaughtered (See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Sec 2(1)(e))

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To follow up on 7/01/2025

ACTIONS

OWNER EDUCATED

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2024-12-27

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

1 x CATTLE (CATTLE) - (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

1 x GOATS / SHEEP (SHEEP) - (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED