

WELLINGTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IHBH08191

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 72 MAIN ROAD
Suburb:
Postal Code: 7655
Inspector: INSPECTOR ONE
Date of Inspection: 2025-02-17
Time of Inspection: 11:20

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: Gerhard Koots
Company: Wellington Pet Shop
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REPORT

Access Granted By: Gerhard Koorts
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: INSPECTOR ONE 2025-02-17 14:26

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	No ***	Some birds had limited space and too few perches
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes	
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	No	
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - inadequate space ***	Birds and fish

General Report Comments: Hugh and I, Elani arrived at the Pet shop and asked Mes Koots to call Mr Koots for us. Mr Koots came out and we explained why we were there. He said it is fine, we can go forward with the inspection. We have been there August 2024 to do a routine inspection and corrected most of the issues.

We first went to the fish tanks to see whether all the fish still have everything they need such as environmental enrichment, clean tanks, filters, pumps and lights and found that all tanks containing fish were of adequate size and species. I asked about the siamese fighter fish and he showed me that he only has two males that are inseparate tanks kept with mollies/ gold fish and smaller fish. We did not observe any fish in small tanks like honey jars like we did when we first visited the facility.

We then went to the bird section. He has ring neck doves, White doves, budgies, lovebirds, cockatiels, canaries, kakariks.

Most of the enclosures had environmental enrichment but there were a few that did not. Most of the parrot type birds had mostly sunflower seeds to eat and large bowls into which they can climb and mess. The budgies, ringneck doves and canaries were overcrowded and did not have enough perches. There were a few empty cages that he could use to split them up.

I continued to issue warning 064 for the owner to:

- 1) Some of the birds including budgies, canaries and ringneck doves were kept in cages that were overcrowded. Ensure to provide enough space for the birds by placing some in open bird cages within 48 hours.
- 2) Ensure in relation with the above, to provide enough perching space for all the birds kept in a cage within 48 hours.
- 3) Not all the cages had environmental enrichment for the birds. Ensure to place some form of this in each cage containing birds within 48 hours.
- 4) Most of the species had sunflower seeds as their main source of food. Ensure to provide all the birds with nutritious species specific food within 48 hours.
- 5) Birds climb into their food bowls and mess in it. This can cause disease/parasitic conditions. Try alternative feeding methods as discussed to prevent this within 48 hours.

As I was writing the warning he started to comply with the warning by moving birds and placing different feeding bowls into the cages.

Gerhard signed the warning. To return to the petshop within 48 hours.

ACTIONS

Warning Issued

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REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2025-02-19

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

100 x WILDLIFE (FISH) - (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: Good