

INSPECTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE DOG UNITS



IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING WHEN INSPECTING SAPS DOG UNITS:

The SAPS Dog Unit Checklist has been designed specifically for the inspection of the South African Police Service Dog Units.

When conducting a proactive or reactive inspection at the SAPS Dog Unit in your area it is important that the Inspector reports directly to the Unit Commander for introduction and explaining the reason for the inspection. If the Unit Commander is not available then the Inspector needs to ask for the Acting Unit Commander or Kennel Official.

Inspectors must be authorized under the hand of the magistrate of the district, in terms of Section 8(1) of the Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962, to conduct inspections at the SAPS Dog Units.

Prior to conducting the inspection of the kennel facilities, we recommend that the Inspector takes the time to go through the checklist to complete all the relevant information and questions. It is important to note that some of the questions are for your own personal knowledge/observations whilst conducting the inspection.

Upon completion of the checklist the Inspector will understand the basic layout and operations of the specific SAPS Dog Unit and what needs to be inspected. It is important that the Inspector is accompanied by a SAPS Official at all times during the inspection. It is not recommended that the Inspector handles the SAPS dogs. If handling is required then the SAPS Officials should be handling the dogs for safety reasons.

The Inspector must ask to inspect the last SAPS Veterinary Inspection Team Report conducted at the Dog Unit. The SAPS Veterinary Team Inspection is an internal inspection done by SAPS and is conducted at least once annually. This report states the concerns that were noted at the specific Dog Unit during the inspection. The Inspector must pay close attention to the SAPS Veterinary Report and can then compare their findings with that of the SAPS Veterinarian.

Direct contraventions of the Animals Protection Act (APA) must be issued in writing to the SAPS Dog Unit in the form of an official written warning. Non APA contraventions can be pointed out as a separate recommendation. Warnings may only be issued for **direct** contraventions of the Animals Protection Act.

A copy of the warning issued to the SAPS Dog Unit must be forwarded to the NSPCA Special Projects Unit for further perusal. The NSPCA Special Projects Unit will forward a copy of the warning to the relevant heads at the SAPS for further investigation and perusal.

Please do not hesitate to contact the NSPCA on 011 907 3590 or specialprojects@nspca.co.za for more information or guidance on the inspection of SAPS Dog Units.

INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Date of inspection: <u>06/03/2025</u>	Time of inspection: <u>14:07 - 14:54</u>
Inspector(s): <u>Jason Page</u>	

1. SAPS DOG UNIT INFORMATION

SAPS Dog Unit: <u>Brandvlei Corr. Services</u>	Province: <u>Western Cape</u>
Address: <u>Brandvlei Correctional Services, Brandvlei, Worcester.</u>	
GPS Co-ordinates: S <u> </u>	E <u> </u>

Unit Commander: <u>Miss Swarts</u>	
Tel No.: <u> </u>	Cell No.: <u>073 766 0488</u>
Fax No.: <u> </u>	E-mail: <u> </u>
Unit Second In Command: <u>J. Pilonie</u>	Cell No: <u>072 601 3370</u>
Kennel Official: <u>"</u>	Cell No: <u>"</u>

2. VETERINARY INFORMATION

SAPS Veterinarian: <u>Dr. De Wet</u>	
Tel No.: <u>023 342 4924</u>	Cell No.: <u> </u>
Fax No.: <u> </u>	E-mail: <u> </u>

Local Veterinarian: <u>Same as above.</u>	
Practice Details: <u> </u>	
Tel No.: <u> </u>	Cell No.: <u> </u>
Fax No.: <u> </u>	E-mail: <u> </u>

The SAPS Dog Units make use of the SAPS Veterinarians based at Roodeplaat in Pretoria. But when the need arises in an emergency case they will make use of a local veterinarian.

3. GENERAL MANAGEMENT

Number of dogs at the Unit?	<u>9</u>
Is there a "SAPS 84" file available with information on each dog?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Is the medical information available for each dog?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Breed of dogs used: <u>i.e. German Shepherd, Border Collie, Labrador, etc</u>	<u>Rottweiler</u>
Function of dogs: <u>i.e. Patrol, Explosive, Explosive, Narcotic, Tracker, Fire Accelerant, Biological Body Fluid, Search and Rescue, etc</u>	
Identification used: <u>i.e. (Microchip, tattoo, none)</u>	
<u>Microchips.</u>	

Are any of the following dogs being housed at the Unit? If yes, how many?

Crime Intelligence and Protection Services Dogs	Yes / ☒ No
Operational Response Services Dogs	☒ Yes / ☐ No
Presidential Protection Services Dogs	Yes / ☒ No
Port of Entry Dogs	Yes / ☒ No

4. WORKING DETAILS OF DOGS

Duty roster available for each dog? (including rest periods)	☒ Yes ☐ No
Length of each shift?	07:30 - 11:30 & 1-2 hours after lunch.
Travelling time?	Stay on site.
Travelling conditions? i.e. rough terrain, etc	N/A.

5. KENNELS

Number of kennels at the Unit:	42 in total. Only 9 in use.
Description of kennels:	Erected out of brick & wire mesh.
Adequate shelter?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Size of kennels: May not be smaller than 2m x 4m and 1.8m high	Adequate.
Condition of kennels: i.e. good, in need of repair, loose wires, broken gate, etc	Good.
Maximum time spent in the kennels?	8 hours
Fence fighting observed?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Description of exercise runs?	Erected out of gum poles and wire mesh
Adequate shelter available in the exercise runs?	☒ Yes ☐ No
How often are the dogs allowed into the exercise runs?	Daily
How many hours are the dogs allowed to spend in the exercise runs?	± 1 hour

6. HYGIENE

Are the kennels and exercise runs clean?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Cleaning/disinfectant products used?	Dishwashing liquid.
How often are the kennels disinfected?	Twice per week.
Are the dogs removed from the kennels during cleaning?	☒ Yes ☐ No
What measures are in place to control flies & rodents?	Pest control company
Is the grass at the Unit kept short to prevent ticks and snakes?	☒ Yes ☐ No

7. FOOD AND WATER

How often are the dogs fed?	Once per day
Quantity of food?	As per instruction on food bag and vet.
Brands of food used?	Olympic
General hygiene of food store? i.e. clean, dirty, smelly, etc	Clean
Potable water available for all the dogs?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Are there any poisons or dangerous chemicals kept in the feed room?	☒ Yes ☐ No

8. HEALTH MANAGEMENT

Dipping bath available?	☒ Yes ☐ No
How often are the dogs dipped?	N/A
Is the dipping bath in good working order?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Other form of parasite control: i.e. frontline, flea powder, etc	N/A
General condition of dogs: i.e. poor, fair, good, obese, etc	Flea powder & medication.
Any sick or injured dogs observed?	Good.
	☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide details?	N/A
Any signs of behavioural problems?	Yes / ☒ No
If yes, provide details?	N/A

9. TRANSPORTATION

Method of transport:	Trailer
Maximum length of time dogs confined in transport:	10 min
Are dogs muzzled during transport?	No
General roadworthiness of vehicles:	Good
Are the transport cages/trailers clean?	☒ Yes / ☐ No
Are the doors secured to prevent escape or theft?	☒ Yes / ☐ No
Do the dogs have enough space to stand, turn and lie down?	☒ Yes / ☐ No
Is ventilation suitable?	☒ Yes / ☐ No
Is there potential for exhaust fumes entering the dog(s) space?	☒ Yes / ☐ No

10. RETIRED DOGS

What do they do with retired dogs?	Euthanized.
Where are they kept?	N/A
Is a rehoming policy in place?	Yes / ☒ No
Are pre and post home checks done?	Yes / ☐ No
Are all dogs sterilised?	☒ Yes / ☐ No

11. PROBLEMS / CONCERNS / COMMENTS

Please see report.

Action taken? i.e. <u>warnings issued for farm animals</u>
Follow-up action? <u>Pending.</u>

INSPECTOR: Jason Page SIGNATURE: [Signature]

NB! After a Society conducted an inspection at a SAPS Dog Units all inspection reports, including warnings and photos, must be forwarded to the National Council of SPCAs for scrutiny and to enable the NSPCA to pursue any contraventions with the relevant Provincial and National Directorate of the SAPS.

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES CHECKLIST

Date 06/03/2025 Prison Name Brandvlei Correctional Services
 Area Commissioner Director Nelani Tel 023 340 8002 Fax ---
 Cell --- Email Fredilene.Arrier@des.gov.za
 Arrival time 14:07 Departure time 14:54 Inspector : Susan Page

Name	Breed	Sex	Medical Record	D.O.B.	Microchip	Purpose
Zorra	Rottweiler	Female	Yes	2020/04/12	00075D1C14Z	Patrol
Brownie	Border Collie	Male	Yes	2020/09/05	00072AAD00T	Narcotic
Nodda	Labrador	Male	Yes	2018/12/15	00072AD188T	Narcotic
Clara	German Shepherd	Female	Yes	2016/06/01	00075B5073T	Narcotic
Marley	Rottweiler	Female	Yes	2014/12/20	00075B3960T	Patrol
Athena	German Shepherd	Female	Yes	2022/05/06	00072A8583T	Patrol
Zeus	Rottweiler	Male	Yes	2014/08/31	00072AD920T	Patrol
Hitler	Rottweiler	Male	Yes	2014/08/11	00072A8B37T	Patrol
Spice	Border Collie	Male	Yes	2020/09/05	00072ADC49T	Narcotic