

WELLINGTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IHC713033

Complaint Reference No.

Building: VOORBERG PRISON
Street: R44
Suburb:
Postal Code:
Inspector: INSPECTOR ONE
Date of Inspection: 2025-03-07
Time of Inspection: 12:00

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: Johannes Spies
Company:
Identification:
Email: johannes.spies@dcs.gov.za
Tel 1:
Tel 2:

REPORT

Access Granted By: Johannes Spies
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: INSPECTOR ONE 2025-03-10 09:21

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	Farm animals

General Report Comments: I got my authorization successfully for Porterville from Mr Krouts.

I arrived at the prison and they did not want to give me access. They gave me an office number. I informed Liz and Wrolien that they are denying me access. I parked to the side and tried calling. Every time I called the numbers, it just rang and went dead or somebody answered and transferred the call to nothing (Tel 022 931 8059/022 931 8000). This is when the correctional officer came to me and said I must come with him and he will give me the number for Agriculture as I am struggling (022 931 8147/8150).

I called this number and Mr Johannes Spies answered and said I am more than welcome to come in.

I drove towards the agriculture department and met with Mr Spies. I informed him why I am there and he was aware about the reasons as he heard from Brandvlei that they were inspected.

Animals present:

Dairy cows: 180

Angus bulls for meat: 243

Merino sheep for meat: 523

Size of farm:

3000 ha of which 1900ha is used for farming

Veterinarian:

State Vet and Dr Murphy from Piketberg Dierehospitaal (022 913 1148)

Shearers: BKB

Abattoir: They have their own abattoir on site. (1 captive bolt pistol, ordered a second one)

Caretakers including correctional officer:

Dairy Cows: 28

Angus Bulls: 18

Merino sheep: 18

We first went to the dairy cows. I could see there were green grass everywhere. The calves have cages they are kept in in the evening with water and a feed bowl. During the day they roam freely in a camp with grass and automatic water containers.

The adult dairy cows are kept separately in large camps with green grass and several points of automatic water containers. They also have shelter.

When asked about feed, Mr Spies said they grow their own feed, mainly lucerne and have the machinery to roll large bales. They also have silos containing dairy pellets.

Feed for animals:

Dairy cows: grass, dairy pellets, lucerne, concentrates, pellets

Angus Bulls: concentrates, grass, pellets, lucerne

Merino Sheep: concentrates, pellets, lucerne, grass

He mentioned that the government wanted to cut costs for the pellets. He opposed this by telling them they either approve his feed costs or he will auction all the animals off to other farmers. This is when they approved his budget for feed. All these animals are used to feed prisoners in the Western Cape and this was Mr Spies' argument to keep his budget in place.

I then drove with Mr Spies where he showed me the Angus Bulls, Merino Sheep, freshly rolled lucerne bales, the dam for water and the extensive grounds for the animals. Everywhere there were either trees for shelter or verandas, multiple automatic water containers and the sheep was sheared recently.

All the animals were in good condition and not one emaciated animal was seen. The grass was green as he has a working irrigation system from the dam. This facility is very well run.

Mr Spies did say that he is helping Brandvlei Prison with feed from his farm.

He also sent me his most recent approved quote for feed and is awaiting delivery.

No welfare concerns were seen at Voorburg Correctional Services.

ACTIONS

OWNER EDUCATED

REPORT OUTCOMES

NO CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE APA -

CASE FINALISED - NFA

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

180 x CATTLE (FRIESLAND) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Typical) CONDITION: Good

Description:

243 x CATTLE (VARIOUS) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Angus) CONDITION: Black

Description:

523 x GOATS / SHEEP (SHEEP - MERINO) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Typical) CONDITION: Good