



WARNING #151

To: Reni Hildenbrand	Date: 19 June 2025
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In light of my inspection conducted on the 18th of June 2025, the following concerns were observed and must be rectified as discussed, by 30 July 2025, unless stated otherwise. See the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

You are hereby warned that:

1. One cat was found to be sick with no medication specific to that cat and was confiscated. This cat was in contact with other cats. (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Section 2(1)(e)*)
 - a. Wildy tested positive for Feline Leukaemia. Ensure to test all cats in your care for Feline Leukaemia and Feline Aids, keep them separated from other healthy cats and ensure they are provided with veterinary treatment and provide the SPCA with a veterinary report **within 7 days**.
 - b. If "a" is adhered to, I can consider returning the two adopted cats that were confiscated as well.
2. Guinea pigs were found to be living in parasitic conditions. (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Section 2(1)(a), (c) and (e)*)
 - a. Ensure to clean the living environment thoroughly of all guinea pigs from faeces and old, wet bedding and cobwebs.
 - b. Some of the enclosures had rotten, wet wood and protruding wires that can cause injury and disease. Ensure to remove those as discussed/ replace/ fix these cages.
 - c. No hay/ roughage was found for the guinea pigs which causes their teeth to grow. Ensure to provide additional roughage/ hay for guinea pigs to assist with teeth health **within 7 days**.
3. Rabbits were found to be diseased/ injured and living in parasitic conditions. One rabbit was surrendered due to being sick, three other rabbits were separated to be taken for veterinary treatment. Some rabbits were found to be kept in small enclosures/ cages. (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Section 2(1)(a), (b), (c) and (e)*)
 - a. Ensure to clean the living environment thoroughly of all rabbits from faeces and old, wet bedding and cobwebs.
 - b. Ensure to separate all female and male rabbits to prevent breeding/ inbreeding/ overpopulation **within 7 days**. Or sterilize all rabbits to prevent this.

- c. Three (3) rabbits were found to be diseased or injured. Ensure to provide all injured/ diseased rabbits with adequate veterinary care and provide the SPCA with the veterinary report **within 7 days**.
 - d. Some of the enclosures had rotten, wet wood and protruding wires that can cause injury and disease. Ensure to remove those as discussed/ replace/ fix the cages.
 - e. Refrain from keeping the rabbits in the small wooden cages as this prevents them to express natural behaviours.
 - f. I suggest the wooden cages in the small room of the wendy house to be removed and replaced entirely as the wood is clearly rotten and the cages are too small for rabbits to be kept in permanently.
4. The living environment of all fowl in all enclosures were found to be wet and dirty with little or no bedding available to them. The sleeping nests appeared to be old and made of rotten wood. (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Section 2(1)(c) and (e)*)
- a. Ensure to replace/ fix sleeping boxes as most of it is wooden and rotten.
 - b. Remove all cages and enclosures not being used from the enclosures such as the canopy that had excess faeces inside and a bird cage inside the building where the turkeys were.
 - c. I suggest all wooden structures are replaced with plastic structures as this is easier to clean.
 - d. Ensure to place more waterproof roofing to keep the area dry and clean during the winter and provide drainage for where the water pools up as shown yesterday.
5. The sheep and goat did not have access to enough clean potable water and no roughage were seen. (*See Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 Section 2(1)(c) and (e)*)
- a. Old, broken asbestos and planks with exposed nails were seen inside the enclosure. Ensure to remove all hazardous material from the enclosure to prevent injury.
 - b. Ensure to provide additional roughage for the sheep and goats in their enclosure **immediately**. Two small buckets observed are not enough for all the goats and the sheep.

We remind you to adhere to all the provisions of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962, Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 (as amended in 2016) & its supporting Regulations and the Drakenstein Animal Keeping By-Law at all times.

This warning has been issued in terms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 169 of 1993.

Failure to comply with this warning may render you liable for prosecution under the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 and/or Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935.

Any person who:- obstructs, hinders or resists an officer authorised in terms of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 or conceals any animal shall be guilty of an offence in terms of Section 8(4) of the aforementioned Act.

SIGNED & ACCEPTED BY: Sent via email

PLACE: Wellington **DATE:** 19 June 2025

INSPECTOR: Elani Graham