

WELLINGTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

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Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: BLOUVLEI ROAD
Suburb: WELLINGTON
Postal Code: 7655
Inspector: INSPECTOR ONE
Date of Inspection: 2025-06-18
Time of Inspection: 10:00

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: RENI HILDENBRAND
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REPORT

Access Granted By: Reni Hildenbrand
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes (Same as previous)
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: INSPECTOR ONE 2025-06-25 14:09

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	No ***	Rabbits
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***	Guinea pigs and rabbits
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	4 rabbits with injuries and sick
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	See above
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - inadequate space ***	Rabbits

General Report Comments: Enzo and I, Elani arrived at the property and met with Reni and Heinie. She prepared all the documents upon our arrival. This inspection took 4 hours.

We first discussed the warning and what needed to be changed. Reni showed me the fly traps she bought, rat traps she bought and gave me a veterinary report from WAHG specifically Dr William van Zyl. On his report he indicated that both horses has allergies contributing to bacterial infection. He gave a Depomedrol injection and cortisone shampoo. I also gave her a folder containing the veterinary reports of the sick animals.

We then decided to do a walk through as we did the previous time to see whether she complied with the previous warning and if anything still needs attention.

We first went to see the cats inside the house. We saw that all the dogs had beds and jackets on as it was raining. We went to Renis bedroom. When we opened the door, we could smell immediately no ammonia etc. The cat litter trays and bedding was clean. The trays had puppy pads under it. We look on top, behind and around furniture and found that they cleaned the dust and old faeces properly. There were 6 cats in this room and all appeared to be okay.

We then went to the second cat room. On the way we walked past the ringneck and african grey parrot. She cleaned the bowls and cages wonderfully.

We then went inside the second cat room. There were four cats present. They had litter trays that were clean and placed on puppy pads. There were multiple beds and no smell of faeces or ammonia. They also clean around the furniture.

We then went to the wendy house containing the remainder of the rabbits and guinea pigs. This time Reni joined us to see what we saw last time. In the bigger area the rabbits were free roaming on the floor and the guinea pigs were in the cages on top. She mentioned that she tried to separate the sexes but struggled a lot. Enzo and I decided to help her at least sex the guinea pigs and separate yhem and showed her and Heinie how to sex rabbits. There are more rabbits and this process would be very extensive. She placed plastic containers inside yhe wendy and placed the good and water inside of these container to make the cleaning easier. I immediately noticed that she hasnt removed any of the cages that seemed problematic for me previously. I was glad she was with me so we could show her with each cage that contained guineas what is an issue with it. This time she listened and noted what we said. The double story guinea pig cage was still a major problem and smelled of strong ammonia. I showed her hiw wet and soiled it was and told her to rather throw this out and replace everything with plastic as it wouldnt absorb the faeces and pee as wood does. We found about two animals that needed veterinary care and seperated them to be seen by a veterinarian. We successfully separate all male and female guinea pigs. Many females were however pregnant.

We then went to the smaller side of the wendy house that has the cages built along the wall. She has closed the holes between the small room to the bigger one. Previously animals could move between the two. Here we also found guinea pigs in the cages against the wall and seperated them according to sex. Reni did a very good job here as no sexes were mixed. I still found one or two rabbits kept in these cages on the wall as well which does not afford a lot of space for them at all. This is where I found most sick rabbits on my previous visit. I went though each cage and found one rabbit who appeared to be dying with pneumonia and another that was injured. She surrendered the pneumonia rabbit for euthanasia and said she would take the other one to the veterinarian. I also showed her here how wet and rotten the wood is from theses cages and advised her to break it all out and replace it with plastic cages or new varnished wood cages.

We also went to the outside enclosure containing guinea pigs where we found a dead guinea pig last time. The guineas in here were fine except there was one make between the females.

We then proceeded to where Wimpie the crow was kept in a cage. Nothing was in that cage.

We then went to where the fowl were kept. We saw one seperated chicken from the rest of the fowl. I told her to keep an eye on him as another cock fought with him. But the wound was dry. She replaced the main pond with plastic containers with water in for the ducks. This is easier to clean than the cement pond. The unnecessary objects such as the canopy and cage were not removed and I showed her which these was and why. This area is extremely wet as the roofing is mainly a thin shadecloth. There is an outside room that the birds can access that has wooden nests. I asked that she replaces this with something like crates.

We noticed today that there was another enclosure on the property containing poultry . This envlosure was much cleaner and drier because of the flooring and roofing. I then advised Renit o make the other poultry enclosure similar to this one that did not have any welfare concerns.

We then went to the sheep and goat envlosure . There were two buckets of roughage inside their shelter and one bucket containing water. I went to check whether she cleabed the water pump at the back of the envlosure. It was white and not dark green and black with algae. She vomplied with cleaning this. On the walk inside I noticed broken pieces of ssbestos roofing and a plank with nails. I told Reni I will add this to my new warning to be removed.

We then moved on to the horses. The feed was kept in dry spaces, they had roughage, they had blankets ons and the stables were cleaned properly from cobwebs etc. Reni also asked me to show where she should plave the fly traps as she did not understand whyit cannot be inside the stables. I showed her and eexplained why. The tenant with the donkey and other two horses have moved so there are only 2 horses and 2 donkeys left on the property.

We then went inside the house again and discussed the way forward . I explained to Reni in detail why I think she should surrender the rabbits and guinea pigs as she already has so many. I also pushed for her to surrender the other animals. Heinie then asked if he vould have 10 minutes for her as she got emotional. We waited outside and went back inside when they called us .

Reni then agreed to surender the remaining 10 rabbits, the remaining 24 guinea pigs and Wildy the FELV positive cat. She claimed the 2 sheep, 2 adopted cats and one chicken.

I then told her I would see what I could find out about this and this is why I am requesting that she test each of the 10 cats for Leukemia and seperate them from the healthy cats before I make the decision to return them. She agreed. It was only after this I found out that the sheep has been euthanized under Section 5 by a veterinarian. I also explained to her that legally I have enough evidence and willing witnesses to prosecute her but I want to prevent that if I can.

I thanked her and then I told her I will email her a second warning with the new changes so she can work of the list. She then mentioned that she is very busy with business related training this month and will struggle to get to it but will be able to before August when it is Olive season . We agreed for the follow up to be on 30 July 2025.

I then informed the Cape Exotic Vet and COGH SPCA about her surrenders . Cape Exotic Vet immediately found adoption candidates for the rabbits and more of the guinea pigs. Home checks will be done mainly by us and COGH SPCA.

To send warning via email tomorrow .

ACTIONS

OWNER EDUCATED

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2025-06-19

OWNER COMPLIED

ANIMAL(S) SIGNED OVER One rabbit

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

1 x CATS (DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR (DSH)) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'Wildy' (COLOUR: Tabby and white) CONDITION: Felv positive

Description:

1 x POULTRY (CHICKEN) - AN UNSTERILISED FEMALE CALLED 'Sue' (COLOUR: White) CONDITION: Mites

Description:

2 x POULTRY (CHICKEN) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Black) CONDITION: Abscesses and cannot walk

Description:

1 x GOATS / SHEEP (SHEEP - DORPER) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: White and black head) CONDITION: Struggle to walk

Description:

54 x WILDLIFE (GUINEA PIG) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: Various

Description:

1 x WILDLIFE (PIED CROW) - UNSTERILISED CALLED 'Wimpie' (COLOUR: Black and white) CONDITION: Mites

Description:

11 x WILDLIFE (RABBIT) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: Injured or sick