

WELLINGTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IHGM09545

Complaint Reference No.

Building: FARM MARIKO
Street:
Suburb: OLIFANTSBERG
Postal Code:
Inspector: INSPECTOR ONE
Date of Inspection: 2025-07-25
Time of Inspection: 09:40

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: CHRISTO/EMMA VAN DYK
Company:
Identification: 950115
Email: emmaloubser432@gmail.com
Tel 1:
Tel 2: 0814252436

REPORT

Access Granted By: Emma Van Dyk
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: INSPECTOR ONE 2025-07-28 17:32

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Cannot see from gate - no access	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Cannot see from gate - no access	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Cannot see from gate - no access	
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Cannot see from gate - no access	
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	Envlosures around yard

General Report Comments: I, Elani arrived at the property and found a worker named Andreas busy feeding the dogs raw meat. He was in an enclosure where the wolf hybrids were kept. Andreas came out and I explained why I was there. He told me the wife is at home and took me through a camp with St Bernard dogs to get to her. She came out, I introduced myself and explained why I was there. She immediately walked me to the front parking area and seemed quite upset.

She explained to me that the NSPCA has been harassing them for 7 years with complaints every year and she feels like she is being harassed. She decided to call a woman called Juanita from Sandys Eden to come and speak with me.

Whilst we were waiting I explained that this is my first visit on behalf of the NSPCA and that I would like to see the situation and if I find anything wrong, a warning will be issued with time to fix what needs to be fixed. She did say I must get a court order and that her husband won't be happy. I explained to her the difference between allowing me access and a court order that can lead straight to confiscation. As she calmed down and said she wants to take me through, Juanita arrived. Juanita was very hostile and on the defense immediately. She advised Emma to get a court order and said she is qualified to get court orders and know the APA. She still asked me on what grounds can I get a court order without evidence and I explained that I can get it just on denial of access. This told me that she does not know the APA that well. She immediately called her lawyer and someone working at the magistrates court and Mpho (0664853074) to inform them I was there even though Madelyn Venter sent me. Emma did agree to meet me next week with an appointment when her husband is home as he is a surgeon.

I decided to inform Madelyn and called her to update her about the case. She told me very hostile over the phone Why did I get a court order before I went? I explained to her that I did mention in our emails that I will not be able to get a court order based on Duan inspection from May 2024 (more than a year ago) and also not without trying myself and being denied as I have been witness to none of the previous inspections. Madelyn said I must put it in an email. I then saw Madelyn sending me a message on Whatsapp requesting that I get a court order today as I have been denied access and she is scared that animals will be moved or hidden. I did not agree with this as I have just calmed both Emma and Juanita down to possibly get them to work with me and not against me. They kept on claiming that the complainant is someone across the road that is friends with Marcell from NSPCA. I never received the actual complaint or complaint details from the NSPCA. Just a summary on what I need to check.

Emma and her husband are directors of Sandys Eden and the animals they have, are theirs and nobody else's. They have adopted a lot of them from Sandys Eden. It is an agricultural property so I am not too sure on how many dogs may be kept on a property like this under Witzenberg Municipality.

I then asked again whether I can please see the animals. Emma did have her 1 year old son in her arms and said that the dogs are extremely protective and if I go into the enclosure with her or her and her son, the dogs would most likely attack me. This is a concern as it is wolf hybrids and they are kept in large packs/numbers. We then suggested that Emma goes to take pictures for me of the shelter, water, camps and animals. She agreed, took my phone with a date stamp and went to take photos. Emma came back after a while. I went through the photos and saw she took many close ups instead of the entire camp but noted that she was willing. From the photos she took, the animals appeared to have access to clean water in shell plastic containers and a shelter. None of these dogs appeared to be in bad condition. Emma did admit that she has a lot of old dogs that are on medication and that she makes use of Dr Kobus Rabe from Boland Dierehospitaal in Worcester. I asked her what animals she had and how many dogs. She gave me all of their names. There are 45 dogs of which 3 are free roaming and belongs to her caretakers that stay on the farm. Her dogs are named Lucifer, Dexter, Phil, Luna, Luca, Gabriel, Leah, Lexi, ML, Junior, Zara, Ben, Josef, Heidi, Sophia, DikVrik, Christiaan, Duke, Coco, Lara, Dixie, Sara, Olof, Clyde, Shaka, Bonnie, Mason, Banggat, Fiela, Nike, Kwas, Marley, Lasarus, Faf, Nina, Archie, Oreo (blind oldest, in house), Jakob, Flappie, Vokop, Odie and Zoe. The farm's animals is a jack russel, and a wirehair x named Monica and a wirehair x named Cowboy).

Emma also told me which other animals she has. She then took to show me the storeroom where they store their lucerne bales which was more than enough. I then asked whether she has other feed. She then took me to the main feed room where the concentrates are kept in bins for the farm animals. She also keeps buckets with lids and mix the food they get a week beforehand.

I asked whether I could see her cows and horses. The cows are kept in a camp that had water and shelter. The horses are freeroaming during the day on the entire farm. I did notice building bricks and

an old broken down building and rusted features in this camp. In the evenings she places the horses in an enclosure that has open stables inside for shelter. her farrier is Tallies (0722370849).

We then went back to the parking lot. She informed me that I would be able to go the dog enclosures with her husband but that he is a surgeon and basically works non stop. She is mostly at home. She said she will let me know when I could come for the follow up to do the proper inspection and said I would be able to go inside the house. She also prefers cape nature and the veterinarians to be there. She also said it would be between Monday and Wednesday. I then told her I will issue her with a warning of what I saw so far. She understood but got upset over my second point on the warning. I told her again I want to work with her and that is why I am giving a reasonable timeframe to work from.

I issued a warning to:

- 1) Some of the dogs were observed with matted fur. Ensure to groom them adequately within 2 days.
- 2) Building material and a broken building was observed where animals graze (horses and cattle). Ensure to remove hazardous material/fence off the building to prevent injury within 30 days.

She calmed down and signed the warning. To follow up next week and await her response.

ACTIONS

Warning Issued

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REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2025-07-28

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

10 x HORSES / DONKEYS (HORSE) - (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

12 x GOATS / SHEEP (SHEEP) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: White) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

2 x CATTLE (BULL) - MALE (COLOUR: Dark browns) CONDITION: Good

Description:

4 x POULTRY (GOOSE) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: Good

Description:

2 x BIRDS (MACAW) - (COLOUR: Blue and yellow) CONDITION: Good

Description:

4 x POULTRY (TURKEY) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

6 x POULTRY (DUCK) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

5 x WILDLIFE (COCKATIEL) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

2 x BIRDS (LOVEBIRDS) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED

Description:

45 x DOGS (X BREED (UNKNOWN)) - STERILISED (COLOUR: Various) CONDITION: UNSPECIFIED