



WARNING #224

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In light of my inspection conducted on the 18th of February 2026, the following concerns were observed and must be rectified at the address as stated below:

You are hereby warned that:

- 1.** One White Laughing Dove appeared to have a growth/ abscess/ injury on its head. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(e).* Ensure to provide the dove with veterinary treatment **within 48 hours** and provide proof thereof to inspectorate@wellingtonspca.co.za.
- 2.** A dead goldfish was observed in one fish tank and was being predated on by the other goldfish in the tank. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(a).* Ensure to remove any deceased fish from the tank **immediately**.
- 3.** Old toys were seen in the finch-, budgie-, dove- and cockatiel cages. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(e).* Ensure to remove or replace these objects **daily** as this can cause injury or parasitic conditions.
- 4.** Some of the laughing doves and quails were observed perching inside their feeding bowls due to size. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(e).* Ensure to replace the feeding bowls **within 48 hours**, with adequate smaller bowls or enclosed bowls like the other birds to prevent parasitic conditions.

5. The Love birds and the Cockatiels were observed to have a sunflower seed only diet. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(c)*. Ensure to provide all birds with species-specific food **within 48 hours**.
6. The doves, quails and cockatiels had little or no environmental enrichment. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(a)*. Ensure to provide all birds with environmental enrichment according to the species **within 48 hours**.
7. Bird species were observed to be mixed according to breed. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(a)*. Ensure to separate the following species **within 48 hours**, as this can cause stress and injury:
 - a. One dove in quail dominant enclosure.
 - b. One finch in laughing dove dominant enclosure.
8. Dirty water was observed in dove enclosures. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(m)(iii)*. Ensure to provide potable drinking water for all birds and ensure the bowls are suitable to promote cleanliness and cater for the breed. **Do this within 48 hours**.
9. Some laughing dove enclosures were overcrowded, observed by where they were perching. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(b)*. Ensure to separate the birds into larger cages or separate cages **within 48 hours**.
10. Cages were observed with built-up faeces on bird accessories and wiring. Empty, dirty cages were also seen left with food etc. This can cause parasitic conditions. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(e)*. Ensure to clean the cages thoroughly within 7 days and/or replace the accessories **within 7 days**.
 - a. I recommend using newspapers which can be changed daily to ease cleaning.
11. Some of the Goldfish tanks were overcrowded. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(b)*. Ensure to provide these fish with larger fish tanks or separate them into more fish tanks **within 48 hours**.



- 12.** Most fish tanks were observed with dusty lids and cobwebs above the tanks. Some tanks were also observed with excess algae on the accessories or sides of the tanks. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(e)*. Ensure to keep the fish tanks clean, inside and outside, **within 48 hours**, to prevent fish from falling ill or parasitic conditions.
- 13.** The birds' food was observed being stored in rusted metal containers without lids kept in a crate on the floor. This creates a high risk of contamination, mold and rodent infestation. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(e)*. Ensure to replace the food storage containers with suitable, pest- and rodent proof, sealable containers **within 48 hours**.
- 14.** Fish were observed in the filtration outlet tanks which had no environmental enrichment, some fish were trapped and the water levels were low. *See Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 Section (2)(1)(e)*. Ensure that no fish can be pulled up by the filtration system pipes **within 48 hours**, by slightly lowering the water levels or enclosing the pipe end with mesh/netting to prevent this as it can cause injury to the fish.

Recommendations:

1. No parasite control was observed in the form of rodent- or fly control. Ensure to provide parasite control.
2. Animals can be surrendered to the Wellington SPCA at any time.
3. Ensure to use animal safe cleaning products such as F10.



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), Drakenstein Municipality Bylaws & its supporting Regulations.

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 DATE: 18 February 2026

PLACE: Wellington

INSPECTOR: Elani Graham & Hugh Lewis