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RE- INSPECTION REPORT REGARDING GOURITZ LION PARK CONCERNS

Facility name : Gouritz Lion ; Bird and Reptile Park
Address : N2 Highway Gouritzbrug Albertinia 6695
Owner : Johan Pio
Contact no : 0658310026
Email : johanpio@icloud.com
Date :
Time Arrived : 12H00
Inspector : Mariaan Wewntzel

Background

Last inspection conducted at this facility was on 24 may 2024. Since 2022 several inspections were done by the Inspectorss of the Garden Route SPCA. The owner did comply by rectifying the concerns previously raised; however the owner still do not see the need of adequate shelter. Recommendations were made regarding the snakes.

Findings

Upon arrival at the facility we were welcomed by the owner, Mr Pio in a very aggressive way. Mr Pio instructed the caregiver to take us through for inspection.



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There are 2 male lions kept in a camp which is suitable for keeping such animals. The lions are provided with water in a water trough that is self-operated.

The two previous Lions were sold to Ramaposa and Mr Pio is in the process to also move the remaining two lions. He already applied for an Import permit and as soon as that is finalised he will apply for the export permit. In the same breath he also stated that he will have Lions again and is in the process to prepare for two cubs to arrive at the facility. He did not give a time frame.

There were two younger crocs in an enclosure that meets the standards. The water was adequate and clean. The older crocs were in an enclosure that are meeting the standards with adequate water and shelter provided.

The Leopard tortoises and bunnies are kept in one enclosure. Also adequate water, shelter and enrichment.

The Snakes, a Puffadder and Boomslang, were in small enclosures with heating pads and were moved from where they were kept previously. Recommendation was given via the State vet and myself to improve on the enclosures size.

There were several birds in large aviaries. The area appears dull and can be improved. There is not enough enrichment. The birds all appeared in good condition according to the vet.

The facility in general is clean...

After the inspection a discussion was held with Mr Pio and explanation was given on adequate shelter for the Lions. At this present moment the Lions will not adapt with new structure in the enclosure as cats do not like change. The area where they are feeding them will be adequate and they have a choice to use it or not. The vet agreed with us that it would be in the best interest to rather move the Lions to the new facility from the current one and not to move them know to the new enclosure he build and then they have to be moved again if permits are in order. If the Lions are not moved soon then he has to comply and move them to the new enclosure on the park.

The vet agreed to sign off on the PAPA Licence and that she could not find fault on anything at this stage.

Mr Pio complied to the vet's request and he did comply on previous concerns regarding the snakes and tortoises.

A close eye will be kept on the facility and regular inspection will be conducted.

A meeting with NCC should be held and we need to discuss concerns:

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1. We must keep an open line off communication
2. If a fine has been given Mr Demsey at the Magistrate must be informed and all info must be given to him, the history etc.
3. Inspections at facilities should involve us which will eliminate double inspections and confussions.

Any advice or further queries can be discussed.

Inspector Mariaan Wentzel

GRSPCA – Mosselbay Inspector