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Rapport on The Ruiterbosch Fun Farm and Butterfly Sanctuary

Facility name : Ruiterbosch Fun Farm and Butterfly Sanctuary

Address : Farm on the R375 towards Ruiterbosch

Owner : Mrs Nel

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Date : 21 June 2024

Time Arrived : 09h00

Inspector : Mariaan Wentzel

The Sanctuary is established in November 2021 The owners Mrs and Mr Nel are the owners and are working with Earle Whiteley.

Professor Rossouw was part of the project but passed away recently.

They get the butterflies by catching them and also assist currently with a Butterfly that are destroying the Protea crops in the area. The farmers want to use poison but they asked the farmers to contact them to rather come and remove the specific specie instead of killing them.

They have a breeding program on some species and release them back into nature. The Butterflies that have a very short life span of about 24 hours / 48 hours do not breed in general and concentrate on those with a longer life span.

The enclosures are well enriched and they have plant available for every specie they currently breed with. They collect the caterpillars every day and move them to the breeding room where they are kept until they are fully developed again to be released. These caterpillars are checked on a regular basis. The grown butterfly is taken out of the breeding enclosures as soon as they can spread their wings in full capacity. I saw how they handled these butterflies and caterpillars and it is done in a calm and extreme professional way.

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The Butterflies that die are handled with care and taken to the lecture room / breeding area where they are posted. No live butterflies are used at all.

The needs of these Butterflies are all done professionally and there is almost permanently someone to check enclosures. Hanlo Nel, the son, are full time part of the project.

Visitors are educated and are allowed to walk through the sanctuary with supervision at all times. No one is allowed to touch any Butterflies or even the plants.

Regarding the Butterflies there are no welfare concern.

There are 2 horses, 5 sheep, 4 Dwergbökkies, 4 dogs, 6 chickens also on the farm. They are all free roaming but are enclosed at night time due to safety. Baboons are coming in enclosures and theft is a concern. The animals are well taken care off and none was seen injured, underweight or abnormal behavior visible. Animals are all calm. Visitors are allowed to go to these animals with supervision and they are allowed to touch and feed them.

They are clients of the Dana Bay Animal Clinic and the Farrier for the horses comes regularly from Jeffrey's.

Adequate water and shelter are available and feed are given according to the specific need of the animal.

I did send an WhatsApp during the typing of the rapport regarding the PAPA for the farm animals. The Butterflies do not need a PAPA but they do apply for catching permits if they go and catch them.

There are no welfare concerns.

Inspector Mariaan Wentzel

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