
Formal Report of Animal Cruelty - Atlasville, Boksburg (01 October 2025)

From Nadia Van Wyk <nadiavanwyk132@gmail.com>

Date Thu 10/2/2025 7:56 AM

To Vicky Finnemore <manager@boksburgspca.co.za>

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Map of Incident.pdf;

Dear SPCA Representative,

I am writing to formally report an incident of animal cruelty that I personally witnessed on 01 October 2025, at approximately 18:50, at 30 Permanent Road, Atlasville, Boksburg. This report is submitted in support of the SPCA's mission to prevent cruelty and promote the humane treatment of animals.

Incident Details:

- Date of Incident: 01 October 2025
- Time of Incident: Approximately 18:50
- Location: 30 Permanent Road, Atlasville, Boksburg (main entrance is in Gazania Street)
- Type of Animals Involved: Feral/Stray/Domesticated Cats
- Number of Animals Involved: 3 (that I observed)

I am currently an active volunteer with a well-known NPO based in Kempton Park that specializes in the rescue, medical treatment, and TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) of feral cats. Over the past eight weeks, I have been working to rescue three kittens living in a stormwater drain on Gazania Street, Atlasville. In this time, I have successfully trapped, sterilized, and returned four adult feral/stray cats from the same location, and I continue to manage the colony through ongoing trapping efforts.

Each night, I provide food for the cats near one of the drain covers. On the evening of 01 October 2025, while walking down the street to feed them, I heard what sounded like gunshots and immediately saw cats fleeing in panic across the road. I ran towards the direction of the sound, which was coming from 30 Permanent Road. In their panic, one of the cats ran directly into the brick wall at the back of the small shopping center across the road, trying to escape.

Despite the cats' obvious distress, the individual continued firing. The animals eventually fled down a side street. As I reached the property gate, an older, white male was walking back down his driveway, inside his property. I confronted him and repeatedly asked if he had been shooting at the cats. He seemed visibly flustered and failed to give a clear answer. Another younger, white male disappeared into the motor garage. Eventually, he responded, "I don't know what you're talking about." I informed him that I had seen exactly what had happened, and that I would be reporting the incident to both the SPCA and the appropriate authorities.

To avoid further escalation, I walked away and began searching the surrounding area for any injured cats but, at that time, did not find any.

While doing so, I contacted the individual's neighbour to ask if they had witnessed or heard anything. Mr. Gert Steven and his partner, Ms. Susanne Steyn, who resides at 29 Reier Road, Atlasville (next door to where the shots were fired), confirmed that they were sitting outside at the time. They reported hearing several "popping" sounds and noted that they also heard cats screaming during the incident.

Contact Details:

- Gert Steven – 082 386 5109
- Susanne Steyn – 073 590 6422
- Address - 29 Reier Road, Atlasville, Boksburg

Both individuals are willing to provide statements to the SPCA, should you require them.

I respectfully urge the SPCA to investigate this matter as a priority and to take all appropriate steps to ensure the safety and welfare of the animals involved. I am willing to fully cooperate with your investigation and provide any additional information, evidence, or statements that may be required.

I have attached a map of exactly where the event took place.

Thank you for your time and for your continued efforts in protecting animals from cruelty.

Sincerely,

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Jabu Manchidi

To: 'nadiavanwyk132@gmail.com'
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Subject: Cruelty Complaint No: 3236

Dear Nadia

I'm Officer Jabu from the Boksburg SPCA. I tried calling you but your phone just hangs up while ringing. I'm responding to the email you sent us on the 2nd of October 2025 at 07:56 AM.

I went to house number 30 Permanent road in Atlasville on the 3rd of October 2025 and I found Mr Therson Bolton at the Property, I mentioned to him why I'm there and he denied everything, he said he doesn't even own a Gun or a pellet gun. He then asked me what proof do I have of all these accusations which I don't have any proof. At this moment there is nothing I can do from my side without any proof.

Thank you for your email and please don't hesitate to contact us again if this matter continues

Best regards

Officer Jabulani Manchidi