



WARNING

#13390

FACILITY: Metro Canine & Mounted Unit

DATE of INSPECTION: 14 February 2023

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You are hereby warned:

In light of an inspection conducted at the above-mentioned facilities, the following concerns were observed and must be addressed and **rectified within 7 days**, unless indicated otherwise:

1. Metro K9:

- a. The following dogs must be assessed by a veterinarian and a veterinary report must be forwarded to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA within 5 days;
 - i. Troy – Several areas with hair loss were observed and the dog also appears to have a severely dry coat;
 - ii. Geoff – A large, suspected cancerous, growth was observed on the breast of the dog;
 - iii. Zorro, Putin, and Hercules – are in need of a dental check-up. Their teeth appeared to be dirty and covered with plaque.
- b. Several kennels had a potent urine smell – this is likely due to no proper disinfectant/de-chlorinator being used;
 - i. Install a functional de-chlorinator that can be used to clean the kennels daily and implement an animal-safe disinfectant spray that can be used on a regular basis, such as F10.
- c. Several dogs appeared to be displaying stereotypical behavior – this can easily be managed by implementing the following:
 - i. Provide the dogs with animal-safe environmental enrichment (toys and chews will likely be effective);
 - ii. All dogs must be able to utilize the runs more frequently;
 - iii. The food bowls that are left inside the kennels must be removed after meals as the bowl materials can cause injuries and unnecessary suffering to the dogs – these bowls must be replaced with suitable enrichment as mentioned in “i”.
- d. The dip bath is currently in a condition where it can not be used due to the old dip still laying in the bath;
 - i. Due to the areas where the dogs are working, ensure to administer regular external parasite control – at least on a bi-weekly rotation. Advice can be obtained from your veterinarian regarding a sufficient parasite control program.
- e. The general maintenance of the facility was observed to be in a poor condition;
 - i. Rubble (cold-drink tins, old food bags) and out-of-commission utensils (broken pallets) were dumped. Ensure to keep the facility clean and in a hygienically maintained condition – this will also assist with the control of a possible rodent infestation;
 - ii. Grass was long and not kept in a short/ cut condition – this can easily cause an external parasite infestation. The grass must be cut and kept in a maintained condition at all times;
 - iii. The drain covers were covered with dog hairs, old faeces, and dog food. The drain passages and drain covers must be checked daily and any foreign objects must be removed. This will also assist with the control of a possible rodent infestation.
 - iv. The fly trap/s observed were dry and/or full. Ensure to replace the current fly traps and ensure to replace them on a regular basis to ensure they are working effectively.

2. Metro Mounted Unit:

- a. The fly traps observed were dry and/or full. Ensure to replace the current fly traps and ensure to replace them on a regular basis to ensure they are working effectively.

This warning has been issued in terms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act No 169 of 1993.

Failure to comply with this warning may render you liable for prosecution under the Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 and/or Performing Animals Protection Act No 24 of 1935.

SIGNED & ACCEPTED BY: Send via Email PLACE: Cape Town TIME: 16h30

INSPECTOR: Insp. Carina Bodenstein & Insp. Elani Graham