



06 April 2023

**Cape of Good Hope SPCA:**

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**Our Client:**

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**Good Day Werner Alwyn Taljaard,**

**Document No 12699 Warning Dated 23/02/2023**

- Here your complaint, states "Pitbull" tied up on a 2m chain. However on your other document states a "Jack Russell", which dog was tied up according to your records?
- You state that 2 of the dogs were underweight, however photographs from the owner directly shows the dogs looking in decent condition. Do you have a verifiable independent veterinary medical report on the dogs showing the state of them.
- You claim owner must rectify a safe and adequate enclosure for the dogs, of which he was in process of doing this, however was delayed to work issues, but you can go to the premises and according to the regulations under the prescribed laws, the owner has made the enclosures larger than the minimum required as per the law.
- You stated that the enclosures were not hygienic, however was the owner not in process of cleaning the enclosures when you arrived?
- You also claimed that 2 of the dogs were in dire veterinary need, however again, photographs of the dogs shows otherwise to what you stated.
- Can you verify your AWA or Veterinary qualifications for the inspector as per above.

**Document No 12715 Warning Dated 28/02/2023**

**Document No 8918 Notice to Comply Dated 04/03/2023**

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- Can you verify your AWA or Veterinary qualifications for the inspector as per above.

**Document No 8919 Notice to Comply Dated 04/03/2023**

**Document No 1928 Seizure Notice Dated 05/03/2023**

- How can the seizure notice be stated to be done immediately without giving the owner the adequate time by the prescribed law to rectify.
- AND???
- You come then on the 04 April 2023 as per below with a court order, well after all the above documents?????

**Court Order Dated 04 April 2023 re Animals Protection Act (APA) 71 of 1962, with regulation 468 issued in terms of section 10 (1)(b) and (c).**

- Signed by Magistrate C. Jacks at the Bellville Magistrates Court.
- This was in regards to an inspection to be done at the said above address.
- To determine whether an offence in terms of section 2 of the above act, has been or is likely being committed.
- You were authorised to enter and search the above premises, to:-
  - 1) Examine the animals and the conditions in which they are kept.
  - 2) Take photographic or video footage showing such conditions.
  - 3) Take into custody any evidence and/or equipment required for the purpose of a prosecution.
  - 4) If necessary, take onto the premises any of the following:-
    - Members of the South African Police Service (SAPS)
    - Members of the City of Cape Town Law Enforcement
    - Members of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)
  - 5) Seize any animals and take them into your custody if it is reasonably necessary to prevent cruelty to or suffering of such animals.
  - 6) Deal with them according to law.

**>>> This was done "AFTER" the date of the seizure document. <<<**

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Now considering all of the above, I would like to know the following:-

How come you stated the warnings giving the owner the warnings etc, but did not allow the required time frame by law to rectify.

How come you state on your website and social media that you are there to aid, assist, and educate owners on the dealings with their animals.

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How come you failed to adhere to this with the above owner.

You breached the time frame, then you came onto the premises in less than the prescribed time frame and confiscated the owners animals.

You terrorised the people on the premises with the bullish tactics, and irrespective that you could have disconnected the chain, you decided to cut it with a bolt cutter.

So kindly confirm the facts correctly here in the correct order, and state why you have failed to assist the owner with correct education, but to rather terrorise him and his family.

We also hereby want to see proof of life of all the animals removed with photographic dated proof of such.

We also request a re-inspection of the premises that you will see is now adequately sorted according to the prescribed laws.

And to then allow the owner to collect his animals with no penalties prescribed against him or anyone else on the above premises.

So kindly allow this matter to be resolved amicably so that you can show the human side of the SPCA instead of proving the public view that you just take and kill.

Reading the above goes to show that none of the prescribed laws as per the government dated and gazetted have been followed or adhered to.

So I await the correct rectification of this with immediate effect, and for the animals to be released back to the rightful owner.

Otherwise I will be personally in touch with the respective magistrate and higher to seek rectification accordingly.

Thanks,  
Kind Regards,

*Adrian Grewar* (Int)Comp.Sci.(Dip) • Legal.Cert.

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