



INSPECTION REPORT

INSPECTION DETAILS

Case ID: INSP194173
Inspection Date: 12 December 2023
Start Time: 09h17
End Time: 12h05

Facility: Sandys Animal Rescue NPC
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Inspection conducted by: Chief Inspector Jaco Pieterse and Inspector Jason Page

REPORT

Upon arrival at the property, we spoke to Juliana (kennel worker), who called Ms Everson. Ms Everson said she was on her way back to accompany us on the inspection. Ms Everson arrived at 09:27 and granted us access to the property to conduct an inspection.

1. FINDINGS

The facility is situated on the old Breede Valley SPCA property. It operates as the interim small and large animal pound on behalf of the Breede Valley Municipality and receives R80,000 remuneration for services rendered monthly.

The Breede Valley Municipality has advertised the tender for the running of the animal pound. Sandys Animal Rescue has indicated that they have not submitted an application for the tender and do not want to run the pound in the long run. They merely stepped in to assist as there were no other organisations willing to assist the Breede Valley Municipality.

The facility does not have a quarantine area and is also not making use of all the kennels on the property due to their dilapidated state.

The map below is a depiction of the property. The red indicates the front section of the property that is not in use, and the blue indicates the back section of the property that is in use for housing of domestic animals in the Office, Food Storeroom (used as quarantine), Dog Kennels and Cattery. The green indicates the farm animal section.

Map of facility:



Food storeroom (quarantine area)

Animals seen:

Cage No.	Animal/s	Findings
11	1 cat (queen) with 1 kitten	Cage clean, food & water provided
5	1 cat (queen) with 2 kittens	Cage clean, food & water provided
1	4 kittens	Cage clean, food & water provided
2	No animals	Empty
No number	6 kittens	Cage clean, food & water provided
No number	1 kitten	Cage clean, food & water provided
No number	1 kitten	Cage clean, food & water provided
No number	1 pup – Crossbreed, approx. 8 weeks	Cage clean, food & water provided
39	Empty	
41	Empty	
42	Empty	
Cat trap	1 Feral cat	Trap placed on newspaper and covered with a blanket. Trap clean inside, food & water provided – kept in the cage for 48 hours *
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No paperwork for these animals could be produced. Ms Everson claims that they came in the day before and are under quarantine.

* The three (3) feral cats were admitted on 10/12/2023 under admission number S112. The admission form states that four (4) adult cats and eighteen (18) kittens were originally admitted. According to Ms Everson, one (1) adult cat and eighteen (18) kittens were already

euthanised by their veterinarian, and the others are waiting for the veterinarian to come back and euthanise them.

Ms Everson advised us, when we raised concern with the feral cats being kept in the traps for an extended period of time, that there was agreement from National Inspector Wrolien Rabie of the NSPCA and Inspector Lienkie Bagnall of Wellington SPCA that they are permitted to keep the feral cats for up to 48 hours in the trap until the veterinarian can come and euthanise them.

I contacted both Inspectors, Wrolien Rabie and Lienkie Bagnall, who both stated that this was not the case and agreed that it is unacceptable to leave feral cats in a trap. I was informed by both Inspectors Wrolien Rabie and Lienkie Bagnall that the only agreement that was made was for dogs suspected to have distemper to be isolated and kept up to 48 hours in the large foldable cages until the veterinarian can come and do a distemper test. Inspector Lienkie Bagnall also stated that during her inspections, she did not find any feral cats and therefore the issue of keeping them in the traps could not have come up.



From the outside of Food storeroom (quarantine area)



Inside the Food storeroom (quarantine area)



Holding cages for kittens during quarantine period



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Office

The office is a wooden wendy house. The paperwork inside the office is disorganised, and Ms Everson could not find paperwork for all the animals. She admitted that her paperwork is a mess.

In the office, we found the following animals:

Cage No.	Animal/s	Findings
4	2 kittens	Cage clean, food & water provided
No number	3 kittens	Cage clean, food & water provided

The kittens are kept in the office in isolation as they are up for adoption.



Front view of the office currently in use



Kittens kept inside the office for adoption



Kittens kept inside the office for adoption

Dog Kennels

A thorough inspection was conducted of the dog kennels. Not all of the dog kennels are in use, as explained in the findings above.

Animals seen:

Cage No.	Animal/s	Findings
43	Empty	
44	Empty	
45	Dog, black & tan, medium	

46	Empty	
47	Dog, tan, medium	Admitted on 04/12/2023 under admin no S103. Seized by saps and is kept here for safety. Severely underweight and skin condition. No record of treatment or visit to vet.
48	Dog, tan with 3 puppies	Admitted on 21/11/2023 under admin S0100
49	Empty	
50	Empty	
51	Empty	
52	Dog, tan	Returned after adoption. Admitted on 09/11/2023 under admin S0034
53	Dog, black, medium	No paperwork
54	Dog, tan & white, medium	No paperwork
55	2 puppies	No paperwork (one had its eye removed at the vet – sutured area healing well)
56	Dog, black & tan, small	Admitted on 08/11/2023. Pending adoption application A0034.
57	Puppy, white, Pitbull	No paperwork
58	Dog, Dalmatian, white with black	Admitted on 02/12/2023. Taken to vet on 04/12/2023. Admin S104. Dog is currently under veterinary care. The dog is emaciated.
59	Dog, white & brown	Belongs to Ms Everson. The dog was sterilised the Thursday before and will be taken home once the stitches are removed.
60	Dog, white & brown	No paperwork
61	Puppies (x2)	Admitted on 10/11/2023 under Admin 1863.
62	Empty	

The kennel assistants were busy cleaning the kennels upon our arrival. No excess build-up of faeces was observed in the kennels that had not yet been cleaned. There was no smell in the kennels either. The kennels are washed with diluted green gel to scrub them, and then, once rinsed, the kennels are sprayed with F10.

The dogs are fed twice a day. All the dogs had access to clean drinking water, and their sleeping quarters at the back of the kennels were clean and had blankets. The sleeping boards are wooden pellets that are elevated from the floor.

The veterinarian was contacted to confirm if the Dalmatian in kennel 58 was under treatment. The receptionist at the veterinary practice confirmed that the dog was indeed under treatment.

Ms Everson opted to surrender the dog in kennel 47. She claimed the dog was confiscated by the SAPS, and she was instructed that she was not permitted to do anything with the dog until the case was concluded. I advised her that the dog is in poor condition and that we are not willing to leave the dog in that condition. Ms Everson agreed to sign the dog over for humane euthanasia.



Entrance to kennels with dip bath outside and dog kennels to the right that is currently in use.



Dog kennel



Dog in kennel



Underweight Dalation under veterinary care



Inside the dog kennels – sleeping area



Inside the dog kennels – sleeping area

Kennels in the front section of the property (red zone as marked on the map):

As explained above, these kennels are not in use.

- 1 to 10 – empty (11 and 12 under construction) > They are planning to use this row for boarding kennels in the near future.
- 14 to 26 – empty
- 31 to 43 – empty
- 28 to 39 – empty

Note:- more photos are available upon request.

Cattery

There is only one large cattery on the property. The cattery only houses four (4) adult cats. Three (3) of the cats are resident cats. One (1) of the cats came in for treatment and will be returned to the owner once completely healed - had an eye removed. The cats had access to clean drinking water and food, and the enclosure was clean and of suitable size with litter trays and hiding areas with environmental enrichment.

Note: The cattery was not yet cleaned when we conducted the inspection. According to the staff, they first clean the dog kennels and then clean the cattery.



Front view of cattery



Inside the cattery



Inside the cattery



Inside the cattery



Litter boxes inside the cattery

Farm animals

At the time of the inspection, there were two (2) adult bovines (1 cow and 1 bull) and four (4) calves (1 bull calf and 3 heifers). These animals are strays that the SAPS Stock Theft Unit brought in.

The animals had access to drinking water and suitable shelter. Supplementary feed is also given. All of the bovines were in acceptable condition. The area is cleaned daily.



Cattle in the farmyard area



Farmyard area with suitable shelter



Drinking water



Suitable shelter

2. ACTION TAKEN

A written warning was issued. Warning number SAR0001.

3. FOLLOW-UP

NSPCA to arrange for a proactive inspection with the closest SPCA in the near future.

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