

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE SPCA
BOERETROOS KOFFIEWINKEL

Date: 07 October 2024

Time: 11:39 - 12:10

Contact details: Ludwig Venter (Owner) - 076 026 0218
Elana De Bryn (Owner) - 083 660 8655
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Address: 36 Suikerbekkie West Street, Joostenberg Vlakte

Area: Cape Town, Western Cape

Inspector: Nicole Venter

Background:

Whilst in the Joostenberg Vlakte area attending to a complaint, a proactive inspection was planned for Boeretroos Koffiewinkel. Boeretroos Koffiewinkel is a petting farm and restaurant that offers the following interactions to members of public: feeding the animals, bottle feeding calves and lambs, and riding ponies.

Previous inspections conducted at the facility include the following cases.

INSP159495:

- A proactive inspection by Mark in 2021
- A NTC was issued to get hiding place for some of the rabbits and for Elana to apply for a PAPA License as she is exhibiting animals.

INSP170106:

- A proactive inspection by Rudi in 2022.
- There are some goats that have overgrown nails as well as the Llamas. Owners were educated and complied by getting a farrier out.

INSP195041:

- Reactive inspections due to complaint received – by Lee and Elani in 2024.
- Lee educated the owners on needing a PAPA license. Elani conducted a follow up inspection and was shown proof of their application for a PAPA license. Elani further educated the owners on building more natural shelters for the animals and implementing biosecurity measures pertaining to members of public that interact with the animals. Elani also recommended that they sterilise their rabbits.

INSP197489 & INSP197491:

- Proactive inspections by Jason in 2024.
- Jason found the facility to be closed at its old address and Elana told him they were moving to a new address (Bakoorjakkalsdraai Farm in Joostenberg Vlakte).

Findings:

Upon my arrival to the facility, I called the numbers on the gate. The first number got me through to Elana. I told her that I was the SPCA's new facilities inspector and that I was in the area and wanted to conduct a proactive inspection at the facility.

Elana said that although the facility is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, I was welcome to conduct my inspection. She explained that she was at an appointment but that her husband should be back from picking their son up from school. She told me to call the second number on the gate. I called the 2nd number but the call went unanswered, however, the gate was opened by one of the workers and I was allowed to go inside and park. They told me that Ludwig was just in the shower and that I would have to wait for him to come out.

After a while, I met with Ludwig. He immediately seemed circumspect. I introduced myself as the SPCA's new Facilities Inspector and thanked him for accommodating me. Ludwig then said that I was lucky that he's accommodating me because I didn't make an appointment. I told Ludwig that the SPCA cannot make appointments as it was against our mandate due to facilities then hiding welfare concerns. He then said that next time he may not be so accommodating. We then proceeded with the inspection.

The 1st enclosure I inspected contained various animals such as goats, sheep, calves, chickens, and alpacas. This enclosure provided sufficient shelter and there was adequate space as well as clean water and fresh feed provided. The enclosure was clean and all the animals confined therein appeared to be in fair condition. When 1 of the calves approached the fence, Ludwig told me that he'd soon send the calves back to his friend's farm as they were getting too old to use for bottle feeding. I asked Ludwig where the farm was and he responded saying that he got the calves from a friend of his and a farm called 'All Roux' or "All Roach".

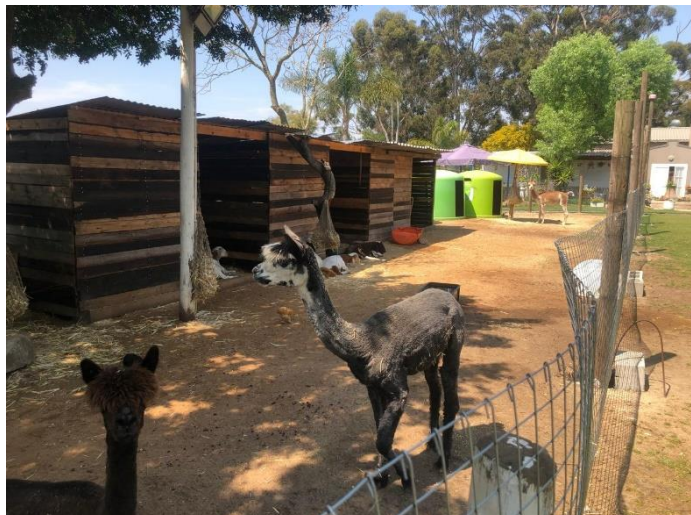


Figure 1: 1st enclosure containing various animals: alpacas, calves, lambs, sheep, goats, and chickens. There is adequate shelter and shade and the enclosure is in a clean and hygienic state.

I then inspected Quacker ducks and ducklings in an incubator type pen. In this pen there was an Egyptian gosling. I asked Ludwig about the Egyptian Gosling and he said that they didn't know what duck it was and that a member of public brought it to them after finding it wandering by itself on the road. I told Ludwig that it was an Egyptian gosling which is an indigenous species that he required permits for. I asked Ludwig to sign the gosling over so that I could take it to our wildlife department to be rehabilitated with the other Egyptian goslings we had in our care but Ludwig refused and said that he wanted to see what it grew up to be.

I told him that he'd then have to apply for permits and that I'd have to report the matter to Cape Nature to which he simply nodded. The incubator type pen contained feed and water, however the recreational water bowl was empty (which I only remembered again after reviewing my footage). The pen was clean and provided adequate shelter. I then inspected 2 separate rabbit hutches: one containing 11 rabbits and the other containing 16 rabbits. Both hutches contained clean bedding, an appropriate amount of pellets, and fresh water (as well as sufficient shade and shelter). Ludwig explained that the rabbits are let into the large pen when the facility is open. When I asked Ludwig if they encourage breeding of the rabbits, he told me that they separate the sexes and said that they currently only had female rabbits as they couldn't keep up when the rabbits were left to reproduce.



Figure 2: Incubator pen housing ducklings and Egyptian gosling and one of the rabbit hutches. All enclosures were found in clean and hygienic states and all animals had access to food and water.

I then inspected a hutch containing a rooster. The rooster had adequate space, food, clean bedding, and fresh water. Ludwig said that the rooster could be let out as it was only supposed to be in the hutch when there are members of public as the rooster chases people. Although it may seem that the confinement of the rooster and rabbits, they are being confined to cages affording hygienic conditions and adequate space, therefore, we would not be able to enforce that they aren't confined. The rooster was however let out of its cage by Ludwig. The next hutch or cage contained 8 chickens that also had adequate space, clean bedding, and food and water. The next enclosure contained 4 chicks with adequate bedding, feed and water. All rabbits, ducks, and chickens appeared to be in fair condition.



Figure 3: Cages housing rooster and chickens. Cages were observed to be clean and hygienic and the chickens all had access to food and water.

I then asked Ludwig about the interactions they allowed with the rabbits and chickens. He explained that they had 2 staff members placed at the pen at all times and that when the children wanted to hold the animals, they would have to sit down, cross their legs and then a staff member would place a rabbit or chicken in the child's lap and allow them to stroke the animal. He explained that the interaction is monitored by the 2 staff members at all times. I then asked Ludwig about the biosecurity measures they have in place and he showed me one of the hand sanitiser stands that they have and told me the children participating in the interactions have to sanitise their hands before the interaction.

I then inspected the feed which was stored in rodent proof bins and in a cool, dry, and clean area. Ludwig also showed me the non-scheduled medications they keep on site for the animals. The medications are locked away and are not accessible by members of public. I then inspected the enclosure housing 2 pigs. The pigs have access to shelter as well as shade and there was water provided. Both pigs were sleeping in the shade and appeared to be in fair condition. I told Ludwig that I recommend they place shade netting over the zink top of the kennels provided so as to prevent the shelters from heating up.

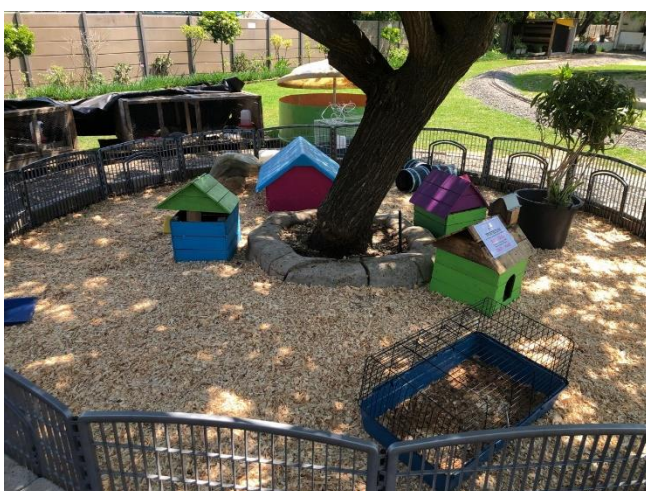


Figure 4: Pen that rabbits and chickens are placed in when the facility is open to public and 1 of the sanitising stations placed around the facility.

I then inspected the enclosure housing geese and Muscovy ducks. There was an open cage in which pigeons were seen flying in and out of. The water body was in an acceptable condition and the animals appeared to be in fair condition. I then inspected the last area housing 3 ponies, 1 ram, 1 calf, and 2 horses. I also saw Ludwig's dog free roaming on the property. All animals appeared to be in fair condition and were housed in hygienic conditions and had access to

water. The stables had just been cleaned and the ponies and horses were being groomed. I inspected the tact and bedding star which was in acceptable condition.



Figure 5: Pig enclosure and enclosure housing geese.

Animals Inspected:

Enclosure (in order of inspection)	Species (sex ratio applied)
1	0:5:2 Sheep (lambs are male) 0:0:5 male Calves, unweaned 0:4:2 Angora goats 2:1:0 Alpacas (1 gelding and 1 stud)
2	11 Quacker Duck ducklings 1 Egyptian Gosling
3	0:11:0 Rabbits
4	0:16:0 Rabbits
5	1:0: Chicken (Rooster)
6	8 Chickens (sex unknown)
7	4 Chicks
8	2:0:0 Pigs
9	3 Geese 2 Muscovy Ducks
10	1:0:0 Pony
11	1:0:0 Calf
12	1:0:0 Angora Ram
13	1:1:0 Horses 1:1:0 Ponies 1:0:0 Donkey
Free Roaming	0:1:0 Jack Russel x Wire Terrier dog

Action:

Later that same day after the inspection and after I checked with Jon, I called Ludwig and told him that he did require a permit for the Egyptian gosling. I explained that seeing as he refused to sign the gosling over whilst I was there, and due to the fact that I would not yet be returning to the area he would have to come surrender the gosling to the SPCA.

Ludwig asked where the SPCA was and I told him we were based in grassy park. He then said he would have to see what he can do. I then explained that I would also be reporting the matter to Cape Nature.

The following morning on Tuesday, 08 October 2024, I called Dumisani from Cape Nature to discuss the Egyptian Gosling with him. Dumisani requested that I copy him into my email to the facility so that he could instruct them to surrender the gosling over to the SPCA.

I then called Elana and explained the email and notice to her. She asked if they could extend the pigs' enclosure into the neighbouring enclosure with the various animals (goats, alpacas, etc.) to which I told her she could. Elana also asked about a problematic dog that would kill her waterfowl and chickens and I told her she can sign it over to the SPCA for possible rehoming and she thanked me.

Sent: 08 October 2024 13:16 PM
To: navrae@boeretreeskoffiewinkel.co.za
Cc: djula@capenature.co.za; Jaco Pieterse - Cape of Good Hope SPCA <inspmanager@spsca-ct.co.za>; Jon Friedman - Cape of Good Hope SPCA <wildlife1@spsca-ct.co.za>
Subject: SPCA inspection at Boeretrees Koffiewinkel
Importance: High

Dear Elana and Ludwig,

Thank you for accommodating me during my inspection at Boeretrees Koffiewinkel yesterday. I truly appreciate the professional manner in which I was received.

Please find attached a welfare notice as per my inspection findings. The welfare notice contains recommendations to improve the welfare of the animals in your care.

The Egyptian Gosling seen during my inspection and that was admitted to your facility by a member of public (as discussed with Ludwig) refers. As discussed during the inspection and further clarified telephonically, we urge you to surrender the Egyptian Gosling to the SPCA, or to another facility permitted by Cape Nature, accordingly, as you do not have the required permits to admit wildlife to your facility.

In addition, I would like to request the following feedback:

- Could you please provide details on where the calves (used for your facility's offered bottle-feeding interactions) are sourced from?
- What formula are the calves being bottle-fed?
- What are your protocols regarding interactions with animals at the facility?
- At what age are the calves sent back, and where are they sent to?
- Lastly, could you please provide us with a copy of the facility's Performing Animals Protection Act (PAPA) license?

Please don't hesitate to contact me directly should you have any queries regarding the attached notice and the above matter pertaining to the Egyptian Gosling.

We look forward to hearing from you and working together to ensure the welfare of the animals at your facility.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Nicole Venter
Facilities Inspector

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Figure 6: Email sent to the facility copied to Dumisani from Cape Nature and Jon from the SPCA's Wildlife Department (and with the notice attached).

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WELFARE NOTICE

NAME & SURNAME: Ludwig Venter and Elana De Bruyn DATE: 08 October 2024
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Cape Town, 7580 TEL. No. 021 987 2706 CELL No. 076 026 0218 & 083 660 8655

As per the inspection conducted at Boeretrees Koffiewinkel yesterday on Monday, 07 October 2024, we'd like to make the following welfare recommendations to improve the welfare of the animals housed at the facility:

1. We recommend that the ducklings and the waterfowl kept in the incubator be provided with a larger recreational water source, separate from their drinking water.
2. We recommend that the pigs be moved to a larger enclosure that includes a recreational mud wallow and additional shaded areas to encourage natural behaviours.
3. We recommend that the rubble (broken chunks of cement and stone) be removed from the enclosure housing geese and Muscovy ducks.

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

SIGNED & ACCEPTED BY: Sent via Email to navrae@boeretreeskoffiewinkel.co.za

PLACE: Cape Town TIME: 13:00

REPRESENTATIVE: Inspector Nicole Venter SPCA: Cape of Good Hope

Figure 7: Notice issued to facility. Only recommendations made as if not complied with, we will not be able to enforce the points made.

Dumisani then called me back and told me he called the owners and they said the gosling can be collected. He explained that his unit doesn't have a vehicle and asked that we assist with the collection of the gosling. I have messaged Jon for wild to assist as I am already starting with inspections this week and I have to finalise the docket admin for Jaco and Shiven.

[End] - Report by Nicole Venter