

Affidavit of Lauren Elizabeth Behr

I, Lauren Elizabeth Behr (8705230009082), a Hillwood Village resident, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and state as follows:

1. On 06 November 2024, at approximately 11:02, I witnessed an incident involving a vehicle and a hadeda within the premises of the complex.
2. I was chatting with another resident, Mr Hendrik Johan van Niekerk at his residence (10 Altair Way, Hillwood Village, Pinehurst) after having dropped off 2 tomato plants, and I observed a car (whose identity can be obtained by the video footage of the security cameras), driving towards the exit of the complex.
3. As the vehicle approached the last house in Altair Way before one exits the complex, I noticed that there were 2 hadedas, one of which was hit by the car, on the ground with its wing in the air.
4. Despite the both birds being clearly visible, the driver did not slow down or attempt to avoid the birds. The vehicle drove directly at the bird, resulting in the bird being injured, and its mate being distraught.
5. I can affirm that I was in a position to clearly see the incident occur, and it was not an accident that could have been avoided had the driver been more attentive.
6. I had made Mr van Niekerk aware of what I had just seen, we had both went to go see if it was still alive and, hopefully, could be helped. After closer inspection, it was decided that the bird still had a fighting chance, and we subsequently took it to Cape Exotic Animal Hospital in De Villiers Drive, Durbanville.
7. I was later informed by Mr van Niekerk that, although the prognosis was positive for recovery of the broken wing, the car had also caused injuries that resulted in the bird now being blind. As it was now blind, the vet had no choice but to euthanise it as it would not survive being blind.

This affidavit is made to document the incident as a witness and for any further proceedings that may be necessary.

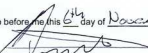
Executed on 06 November 2024.



Lauren Elizabeth Behr

Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of November, 2024.



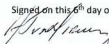
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AFFIDAVIT

I Hendrik Johan van Niekerk (ID 6302235039082) hereby declare under oath that on Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 11:02 I was standing outside my gate (10 Altair Way, Hillwood, Pinehurst Durbanville) in conversation with Lauren Behr who saw a vehicle driving over a Hadida bird. When we approached the bird we saw it was badly hurt and we immediately took it to the Exotic Animal Hospital at 10 De Villiers Drive, Valmary Park. At approximately 14:30 I was informed by the Hospital (name of hospital representative is Merlene) that the Hadida's wing ligament was badly damaged and that she was blind and they subsequently had to euthanase him.

The whole incident is captured on video. The video can be requested from the Hillwood Home Owners Association representative responsible for Security, Rhyn van der Merwe (contact 083 462 8777).

Signed on this 6th day of November 2024 at Durbanville.



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