

INSPECTOR NOTE

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Street:	52 AFFODIL STREET
Suburb:	RUWARI
Postal Code:	7560
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From: Lize Testa <lize.testa@gmail.com>
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To: Inspectorate – Cape of Good Hope SPCA <inspectorate@spca-ct.co.za>
Subject: Welfare Concern - Loving Paws

Dear Inspectorate Team,

Hope you had a great Christmas and managed to spend some time with your families.

I'm writing two emails tonight. The first is to raise my concern about a welfare organisation, Loving Paws.

According to Google Maps, the house number is 52 Affodil Street, Protea Village -
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/S1RUuS4FG8ubUHR58>

Like all welfare organisations, I assume the intentions here were good and the situation just got out of hand very quickly. She has approached me with several sick kittens that I either took to AWS or managed to get back on track with the right milk, food and supplements.

My concerns:

- Litters get mixed - not just untested kittens, but puppies as well (more recently one of her fosters complained that she mixed a known positive FIV kitten with other untested ones)
- Loads of puppies have died from parvo in both her care and the care of fosters
- There are too many animals on her premises at any given time - while I've never been in her house, you can hear the dogs barking and she's always talking about how many puppies / kittens / bunnies / chickens she has
- About 2 or 3 weeks ago she asked me to have a look at a kitten that she got in. I had one look at him (not even touching as he looked so terrible) and told her I would already be at the vet asking to PTS the kitten. It was extremely sick, the eyes were gone and the holes were filled with puss. Her reply to me was that she'll consider going to the vet, but that the kitten has enough fight in him to at least give him a fighting chance, even if he doesn't have eyes. When I followed up on the kitten her reply was that she has taken it to the vet and it was PTS - but I'm not entirely sure if I believe her.
- By the sounds of it, there is very little recordkeeping that happens with regards to where the animals come from, what treatment they received and where they go, which raises another concern that these animals end up NOT getting sterilised
- I honestly also have not heard of one homecheck being done
- Some time ago she had a breakdown and surrendered most of the animals in her care to Oscars Arc in town - from a recent conversation with her, it seems like she's almost filled up to the point where she was before she surrendered.
- She was also one of a few people who removed animals from the care of a lady called Cecilia before the SPCA could conduct their visit

From my side, I did try to caution her about the above and made suggestions on how to do better, but sadly it seems to get worse instead of better.

While I do believe her intentions were good, I believe she's overwhelmed and that she's not acting in the best interest of the animals surrendered into her care. She does great with organising sterilisations for less fortunate households, and I believe with a bit of direction she could still do great work in animal welfare.

Kind regards,
Lize Testa
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