



WARNING #16741

To: Sechaba Protection Services	Date: 8 February 2024
Address: Beach Road, Woodstock, CoCT Drop Off Facility	
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On 7 February 2024, an inspection was conducted following a complaint at the Drop Off Site in Woodstock, Cape Town, whereby security dogs were being utilised by Sechaba Protection Service for safeguarding purposes. The security guard on duty was requested to present a copy of your PAPA Licence in terms of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935, as amended in 2016. The Security guard was unable to produce a copy of the PAPA Licence and claimed she was not in possession of a copy.

You are hereby warned that:

1. PAPA Licence

- a. No person shall use any animal for safeguarding, unless such person is the holder of a valid licence in terms of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935, as amended in 2016.

Please refer to Section 1 of the Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935:

1. Restriction on exhibition and training of performing animals and use of animals for safeguarding.—No person shall exhibit or train or cause or permit to be exhibited or trained for exhibition any animal of which he is the owner or has the lawful custody or use any animal for safeguarding unless such person is the holder of a licence.

[S. 1 substituted by s. 1 of Act No. 7 of 1991.]

- b. Should you not be in possession of a valid Performing Animals Protection Act Licence then you are not permitted to use any animal for safeguarding and must forthwith cease to use any such animal for safeguarding to avoid further action and/or criminal prosecution.
- c. Should you be in possession of a valid Performing Animals Protection Act Licence then you are required to forward a copy of same **by 5 pm 9 February 2024** to our office by email to inspmanager@spca-ct.co.za and ensure that a copy of the PAPA Licence accompanies the animals at all times, as per the licencing conditions.

We remind you to adhere to all the provisions of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962, Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935 (as amended in 2016) & its supporting Regulations and the City of Cape Town Animal Keeping By-Law at all times.

2. Parasitic conditions

- a. The enclosures were extremely dirty, and the inspector also observed a built up of excessive dog hair in the enclosure, including underneath the kennels. This creates dirty conditions. You need to ensure that you maintain and hygienically clean the dogs' enclosures and remove any other rubble and cleaning products from the enclosures within **7 days**.



3. Environmental enrichment

- a. It was observed that the plastic water and food bowls that the dogs have in their enclosures were bitten and broken. The shelter was also bitten and had sharp edges protruding. This can cause unnecessary injury to the dogs. You need to ensure that you provide the dogs with environmental enrichment to ensure that they have something to keep themselves occupied. It is also recommended that you get stainless steel water and food bowls for the dogs to avoid them being chewed. You have **7 days** to rectify this.

4. Enclosures

- a. It was observed that the enclosure has metal objects protruding from the ground, and there are holes in the flooring, this could cause the dogs to suffer unnecessarily. You need to remove the protruding metal objects and fix the flooring within **7 days**.

5. Grooming concerns

- a. The dog named "Lexis" appeared to have a matted coat on his lower back. Lexis needs to go for grooming within **7 days**.

6. Choke chains

- a. It was observed that the dogs had choke chains around their necks whilst off duty. The inspector instructed the security guard to remove the choke chains immediately, which she did. No dog should be left in the enclosures with choke chains on, as this could seriously injure the dog, or even be fatal should it become entangled.

7. Shade cloth

- a. It was observed that the shade cloth around the enclosures is torn and in poor condition. You need to replace this to ensure that it provides adequate protection against wind and provides the dogs with shade, especially during summer. You have **7 days** to do so.

**This warning has been issued in terms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 169 of 1993.
Failure to comply with this warning may render you liable for prosecution under the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 and/or Performing Animals Protection Act 24 of 1935.
Any person who:- obstructs, hinders or resists an officer authorised in terms of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 or conceals any animal shall be guilty of an offence in terms of Section 8(4) of the aforementioned Act.**

SIGNED & ACCEPTED BY: _____ Sent via email _____

PLACE: Cape Town DATE: 8 February 2024

INSPECTOR: Inspector R. Philander and Cadet Inspector J. Cambell