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I, the undersigned,

RENÉ McGREGOR

(ID NUMBER: 680818 0043 085)

do hereby declare under oath as follows:

1. I am an adult female, practising attorney in association with Mike Strydom Attorneys, situated at 10 New Cross Street, Sonstraal, Durbanville, Western Cape Province.
2. I am duly authorised to depose to this affidavit, the contents of which are both true and correct and fall within my personal knowledge unless the contrary is stated herein or is evident from the context hereof, in which event I verily believe those facts to be true and correct.
3. Ms van Zyl is employed as a constable with South African Police Services (SAPS) Durbanville. Her employment commenced with SAPS in 2020 on Ms van Zyl's version.
4. I have made a telephonic complaint against the owner of cats under two different reference numbers, INSP197146 and INSP197147 due to two separate addresses as the cats are being held at two separate addresses.
5. The owner should currently be packing to vacate the Oxford street property as she is being evicted and has no alternative but to return to the 53 Tafelberg Road address in Kenridge.
6. I am trying to assist the owner of the cats, Ms Zanné van Zyl in a number of matters on a pro bono basis.

7. Ms van Zyl had been without a car as from December last year when I met her and would often walk or try for a lift to go to the Kenridge property to take care of the cats at that property.
8. Ms van Zyl is often ill or not feeling good and often will not get to the Kenridge property for days, and leave the cats in the hands of her tenants.
9. The one tenant is a waitress who works double shifts and hardly at home and the other is an older man who works all day and is not well. The waitress has indicated that she would relocate end February 2024, however, I have no confirmation of this.
10. The two tenants also have their own cats on the property.
11. Although Ms van Zyl has no alternative but to return to the Kenridge property, in all likelihood, the Kenridge property will also be sold in execution as the property is bonded.
12. Myself and a local debt counsellor are trying our best to assist Ms van Zyl by advising her as to her best options.
13. Despite all the assistance and advice, taking all the facts and merits into consideration, the future of all the cats look bleak.
14. In light of the aforesaid, Ms van Zyl is not able to feed herself in a month, let alone all the cats, on advice from Ms van Zyl – 14 (fourteen) cats.
15. I found the statement made by a lady that called me, from 021 700 4140, who said she investigated the matter, *“that Ms van Zyl is employed and obtaining a salary and therefore does have money for food”* an incompetent statement to make which has no merit.
16. I found the attitude of this lady who telephonically said she investigated the matter questionable as she was in a great haste to force upon me her opinion and to prevent me from explaining why Ms van Zyl had no money to feed herself and her cats despite earning a monthly salary and try to end the call.

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17. I have viewed Ms van Zyl's salary advice and hence I am in a position to state that there is no money for food. I have assisted Ms van Zyl with this issue as far as what I can, however, Ms van Zyl remains financially incapacitated due to her current financial position.
18. The content of this statement will appear vague to the reader of this statement, however I am obliged to maintain professional privilege.
19. My concern is that the problem currently facing Ms van Zyl is immense and Ms van Zyl is barely coping with her situation, let alone the proper care of the cats.
20. I submit that I have asked Ms van Zyl to voluntarily hand the cats to the SPCA as she cannot feed them, let alone take proper care of them. Ms van Zyl ignores my request.
21. I have been purchasing food for Ms van Zyl and her cats as I could not see the cats go hungry. No money for food and many hungry cats without food appears to be a regular feature and is ongoing.
22. About three weeks ago, when I arrived at the Kenridge property one evening, the cats were starving, they had no water, the room in which they were locked up, a lounge area, was filthy, and it was smelling so bad my throat was burning.
23. I know I should not have, but I could not see the cats like that, so I went back with a bucket, a broom, cleaning stuff, cleaning swabs, anti-odour spray, Handy Andy and food. I cleaned the litter, swept, mopped and washed their bowls and filled it up with food and water.
24. There was one cat who started eating food which was lying on the kitchen floor for a couple of days. I immediately filled a cleaned bowl with food and gave it to the cat.

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25. A lady inspector who went to the Kenridge property called me from the property and agreed with me that the dirt at the property and in the area in which the cats are locked up is not dirt from three to four days, but dirt from three to four years. My clean was only a superficial clean to try and make it pleasant for the cats. This was a different lady inspector to the one above.
26. I also bought food and litter for the cats at the Oxford address.
27. As hard as it is, I have now stopped buying food and litter.
28. My hope is that Ms van Zyl's financial status will improve, however, the current facts support the bank proceeding to execute on the Kenridge property.
29. My concern is that in the time the bank takes to decide on their plan, that the cats are fed and properly cared for, how the cats will be transported from the Oxford property to the Kenridge property and the future of these cats.
30. Should and when the bank executes, Ms van Zyl would have to seek alternative accommodation, which she can afford, and currently, the majority of the landlords do not allow pets, let alone many cats.
31. The Kenridge property can be a perfect home for cats, however the facts currently show that the bank will execute.
32. It is a daily concern as to whether these cats have food, water and their living space and litter boxes are clean.
33. I am further concerned that in the past, complaints were lodged against Ms van Zyl, however, Ms van Zyl cleaned up and once the SPCA was gone, just reverted to not taking proper care of the cats.
34. Ms van Zyl is a cat lover and she does love the cats, however her current situation is traumatic for her and together with her work hours, and the financial strains caused by her situation, it is almost an impossibility for her to attend to her situation as well as the proper care of the cats, even just the basics of just being in the position of buying food for them.

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35. THE FUTURE OF THESE CATS IS AT GRAVE RISK. It would be appreciated to place a note on your system to check up on these cats as often as possible.

Thus signed and dated at Durbanville this 5th day of MARCH 2024.



RENÉ MCGREGOR

I certify that on the 5th day of March 2024 and in my presence at Durbanville the Deponent:

1. Signed the Affidavit and declared that she knows and understands the contents thereof;
2. Has no objection against the taking of this oath;
3. Acknowledge that this oath is binding upon her conscience, and expressed the words, "I swear that the contents of this Affidavit are true, so help me God".

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