



Landikhaya Security warning letter

13 March 2024

To Mr Gerrit Stoffberg (Landikhaya Security)

RE: Landikhaya Security's use of canines for safeguarding

Landikhaya Security, located at 6 Marais Street, 3A cattle Bron Centre, Durbanville, is registered with the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSIRA; Registration number 2198202).

It has come to our attention that Landikhaya Security is utilizing canines for safeguarding without possessing the necessary PAPA license. Additionally, there is a discrepancy in the training of the dogs being employed for these purposes, as they do not meet the regulatory requirements stipulated for safeguarding duties. The Performing Animals Protection Act (PAPA; Act 24/1935 Sec 1), read with Amendment Act 4/2016 Sec 8(a) and (f), states that any person who uses an animal for safeguarding must be in possession of a valid PAPA licence.

On 05 March 2024, documented correspondence reveals a meeting involving the appointed PAPA Licensing Officer, Dr. Solomon Bhandi, SPCA Inspector Elani Graham, and Landikhaya representative, Mr. Mustapha Williams. During this encounter, it was ascertained that Landikhaya had acquired four dogs from an unregistered source, facilitated by Mr. Martin Abder of Mundeas K9, situated at Kraal Road, Schaapkraal. It was further revealed that these dogs lack the necessary training and are not officially registered as guard dogs. Despite inquiries, Mr. Mustapha failed to provide evidence of the dogs' training, and no health certificates were obtainable for the canines.

A significant concern arises from Landikhaya Security's continued use of dogs for safeguarding purposes without obtaining the required PAPA license, despite having been fully briefed on the application process. Verbal instructions were issued on Friday, 08 March 2024, directing them to immediately cease the illegal utilization of security dogs and to remove the dogs from the premises. Regrettably, Landikhaya Security persists to engage in non-compliant behaviour.

Another significant concern is the discrepancy in Landikhaya Security's staffing of dog handlers across its four sites. While they operate four sites, they could only produce certificates for three dog handlers. This deficiency implies that the majority of the time, the dogs are left unsupervised, with one site even operating without a designated dog handler, posing a potential risk the welfare of the animals.

In summary Landikhaya Security is currently not licenced in terms of the Performing Animal Protection Act, Act 4 of 2016, to use dogs for security services. The use of security dogs by Landikhaya Security in contravention of the PAPA is an offence in terms of Sec 1 of Act 24 of 1935, read with Section 8(1) and 11 as amended by Act 4 of 2016 and read with Section 10 of Act 4 of 2016. This offence was also determined on 13 September 2018 as an admission of guilt fine by Chief Magistrates in the Western Cape Province in terms of Section 57(5)(a) and 341(5) of the Criminal Procedures Act of 1977. Please note that provision is made that both the service provider (custodian of the working animal) and the person (entity management) that enlisted the use of a working animal without a PAPA licence, can be fined and prosecuted.