



WARNING

DATE: 22 August 2024	
NAME & SURNAME:	
Attention: The Directors / Staff, including:	
TREVOR GRANT DE BRUIN – ID 8809255049088	
RONNE FORSYTH – ID 6206030243080	
GAYLE JOHNSON – ID 6808220121081	
ANDRE VERBIEST – ID UNKNOWN	
VANESSA VAN ROOYEN HURT – ID UNKNOWN	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS:	
HAWK (ANIMAL RESCUE/SHELTER) NPC 2024/373702/08 Situated in Riverlands with GPS coordinates: 33°31'29.9"S 18°35'02.1"E	

You are hereby instructed as follows:

1. The current situation at the shelter, characterised by an excessive number of animals, has resulted in inadequate care and neglect of the animals. You are hereby instructed to reduce the dog population by at least 50% **within 7 days**. This reduction is crucial to ensure that your staff can manage and provide the necessary care and that all animals receive proper veterinary attention. *(Refer to Section 2(1)(r) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962)*
 - a. In accordance with this instruction, we are to be informed as to where animals have been sent and furnished with appropriate confirmation thereof.
2. To ensure the health and well-being of all dogs currently under your care, it is required that each dog be physically examined by a veterinarian **within 7 days**. Following these examinations, a health certificate for each dog must be maintained on file at the shelter. Any animal requiring further treatment must be treated by the veterinarian accordingly. This measure is critical to verify that all animals are in good health and do not require additional veterinary care. *(Refer to Section 2(1)(e) and 2(1)(r) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962)*
 - a. All remaining dogs and cats in the shelter must receive treatment for both internal and external parasites **within 96 hours**. Proof of the administration of these treatments must be retained. Given the current limitations of your facility, which cannot accommodate effective dipping, it is recommended to use long-acting medications such as Bravecto or Nexgard. This step is crucial to ensure the health and comfort of all animals in your care. *(Refer to Section 2(1)(e) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962)*
 - b. Reasonable efforts must be made to ensure that the conditions of the outdoor camps and enclosures are kept dry and that the appropriate drainage and shelter

systems are employed and erected to facilitate the handling of excessive weather conditions.

3. Sick, injured or otherwise unsound animals should be taken to a registered veterinarian for immediate treatment **without delay** and may not be left to suffer. None of the staff or directors are qualified or authorised by the South African Veterinary Council to make diagnoses and/or administer treatment to such animals. *(Refer to Section 2(1)(e) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962)*
4. The administration of expired medication/drugs is not recommended and **should cease with immediate effect**. Mr Verbiest also claimed to be in possession of morphine (a regulated drug) that he administers to the animals. *(Refer to Section 2(1)(n) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962)*
5. Dogs may not be unnecessarily confined in cages that do not afford adequate space or freedom of movement. One dog was confined to the cage of a dog trailer and two other dogs were confined to small cages. *(Refer to Section 2(1)(b) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962)*
6. Dogs with overgrown nails and matted hair must be attended to **within 7 days** of this warning, thereafter the animals must be kept in a fit and healthy state at all times. *(Refer to Section 2(1)(a) and 2(1)(e) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962)*
7. Dogs that are fighting should be separated **with immediate effect**. Some dogs have puncture wounds from fighting. The current communal housing is not recommended because of the dogs attacking each other. *(Refer to Section 2(1)(r) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962)*

Take further notice that every listed person and director of this NPC shall be held liable for any and all unlawful conduct and contraventions of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

Take further notice that, you are hereby placed on terms, and any non-performance of the obligations referred above, that cannot sufficiently be justified shall be deemed to be unlawful conduct and wilful contravention of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

The position is as follows, the NPC was established to provide shelter and care for unwanted animals, and as such assumes responsibility for their care and upkeep, this responsibility is regulated by the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962. However, it is clear in this instance that there was a severe lack of oversight by the responsible persons of this NPC and this is grossly and unlawfully negligent.

Take notice that we will be investigating this matter and will pursue the relevant criminal action at the appropriate time and forum.

This warning has been issued in terms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act No 169 of 1993.

Any person who:- obstructs, hinders or resists an officer authorised in terms of the Animals Protection Act No 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
INSPECTOR: AYANDA NGCOFE & JACO PIETERSE