

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building:
Street: 18 MAFUNGA CRESCENT
Suburb: LANGA
Postal Code: 7456
Date: 2024-04-09
Time: 09:18
Inspector: NICOLE VENTER

Type: DOCKET DISCUSSION

Follow-Up Date:

Comments: Tuesday, 09 April 2024:

I don't think a docket should be pursued after all this time has passed.

Although there isn't a time limit on criminal offences, the docking of the dog's tail was observed on 20 December 2022, over 12 months ago. The owner claimed that the tail docking was medically necessary (an attempt of his own treatment).

However, there are no veterinarian's reports available for the animals seized. Without the vet report, we didn't and can't dispute such (whether it was what the owner perceived necessary for treatment for whatever reason).

Despite this, the offence was actioned accordingly as the dogs were seized immediately. The seized dogs then tested positive for Canine Distemper and Parvovirus and were subsequently euthanased. The owner was obviously notified thereafter.

An additional warning or notice being issued to the owner at that time (to prove he was made aware of the illegalities of tail docking) would have been beneficial.

The address can be kept on the database and perhaps a proactive inspection carried out when there is a chance as the owner most likely has new dogs. However, with our current case load (a lot of which are high priority) we just can't afford to pursue a docket. Additionally, I believe there is no longer sufficient merit for a docket.

NFA ito opening a docket.

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