

INSPECTOR NOTE

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| Building:       |                     |
| Street:         | 36 SYRINGA CRESCENT |
| Suburb:         | BELHAR 3            |
| Postal Code:    | 7493                |
| Date:           | 2024-02-05          |
| Time:           | 13:03               |
| Inspector:      | CARINA BODENSTEIN   |
| Type:           | EMAIL - RECEIVED    |
| Follow-Up Date: |                     |

**Comments:****EMAIL RECEIVED FROM COMPL**

(audio recordings will be sent in another email) We find it VERY STRANGE that law enforcement animal control unit could not enter the property "because the owners are not there". We phoned law enforcement and told them WHEN the owners ARE THERE but law enforcement still did not come out and enter the property. The SPCA entered this property on the 20th December, according to their records and a "dog was surrendered to them", and the SPCA returned again on another day, and "did not find anything", then how is it possible that law enforcement animal control unit could not enter this property on any of the days that the owners WERE PRESENT?? That means that law enforcement could not find anyone present at this property from the 20 December 2023 right up until the 4th February 2024!!!! It also means that law enforcement animal control unit could not apply for a search warrant from the 20th December 2023 right up until the 2nd February 2024!!!! It also means that this matter WAS NEVER escalated to a higher authority even though we made the request more than once! Even after Inspector Jaco Pieterse escalated this matter to law enforcement in December 2023, this dog still remains at this premises!!! We would rather prefer to provide photographs of this dog to prove that there is a dog on this property but it is impossible for any of us to scale a wall that is higher than two metres and an enclosed from top to bottom. We have attached a few voice/audio recordings to prove that there is a dog on this property. The recordings are not very clear because we cannot get to close to this property, and there is a lot of noise from surrounding properties and neighbours but it is the best we have at this point to prove that THERE IS A DOG ON THIS PROPERTY. If this dog dies, before the law enforcement animal control unit reaches him and/or the animal authorities, then we cannot keep quiet about this anymore. These are just some of the complaints. The complaints were made to law enforcement BEFORE the 20th December 2023! HERE IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE EFFORTS WE MADE TO SEEK HELP: 1) WE PHONED LAW ENFORCEMENT (ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT) MORE THAN TWELVE TIMES IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AND WE ASKED THEM TO ESCALATE THIS MATTER BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY AND THE TRAUMA THE DOG IS SUBJECTED TO, AND TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY AUTHORISATION TO ENTER THIS PROPERTY, BUT UP UNTIL THIS DAY, LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS NOT ENTERED THIS PROPERTY. HERE ARE SOME OF THE REFERENCE NUMBERS FOR SOME OF OUR CALLS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT (ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT) 2 February 2024 We phoned law enforcement animal control unit and told them the situation is unchanged. This dog is still trapped in this dark confined space and still barks day and night!!!! 28 January 2024 1001859821 We phoned 4 times on this day and asked them again to escalate this matter again!! 19 January 2024 We phoned law enforcement (animal control unit) again and asked them to escalate the matter because this dog still remains trapped and locked up without food and water!!! 14 January 2024 We phoned law enforcement (animal control unit) again to ask them to escalate the matter because the dog is still being locked up in the confined space and still barks day and night fighting to get out, and was told that this matter "is still open", meaning that it has not been addressed and resolved yet 13 January 2024 We phoned law enforcement (animal control unit) again Reference: 1001878767 12 January 2024 We phoned law enforcement (animal control unit) again Reference: 1001877967 11 January 2024 We phoned law enforcement animal control unit again Reference: 1001877105 10 January 2024 We phoned law enforcement animal control unit again Reference: 1001876101 9 January 2024 We phoned law enforcement animal control unit again Reference: 1001875728 8 January 2024 We phoned law enforcement animal control unit again Reference: 1001875300 7 January 2024 We also phoned law enforcement (animal control unit) again on this day but did not receive a reference number for this call 26 December 2023 We phoned law enforcement animal control unit again Reference: 1001894729 20 December 2023 We informed the SPCA that there is a dog trapped and locked up at number 36 SYRINGA CRESCENT BELHAR that barks day and night out of anguish!! We also phoned law enforcement (animal control unit) 2) WE ALSO INFORMED LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SENT OUR ANIMAL ABUSE REPORT TO THESE

EMAIL ADDRESSES: (We sent emails on the 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th January 2024 to this email address: Jean-Pierre.Smith@capetown.gov.za We sent emails on the 19th January 2024 to this email address: lawenforcement@capetown.gov.za 3) WE CONTACTED THE SPCA VIA TELEPHONE ON THEIR EMERGENCY NUMBER SIX TIMES ALREADY, IN LESS THAN ONE WEEK AND GAVE THEM THE ADDRESS WHERE THE DOG IS ABUSED AND NEGLECTED. THIS IS THE NUMBER WE CALLED. (083 326 1604) WE SPOKE TO ONE OF THE INSPECTORS AND GAVE THE ADDRESS WHERE THE DOG IS LOCKED UP, THREE TIMES ALREADY, ON THREE DIFFERENT DAYS, AND ALSO INFORMED THE INSPECTOR ABOUT THE SEVERAL EMAILS WE SENT TO THE SPCA AND TOLD THEM TO PLEASE READ THEIR EMAILS, AND WE ALSO GAVE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS AS WELL. WE ALSO ASKED TO SPEAK TO THE CHIEF INSPECTOR (INSPECTOR JACO PIETERSE), BUT THAT WAS NOT GRANTED. THIS IS THE SPCA EMERGENCY NUMBER WE PHONED SEVERAL TIMES 083 326 1604 ON THE 27TH JANUARY 2024, WE PHONED THE SPCA AGAIN ON THIS NUMBER: 021 700 4140 AND WE WERE TOLD THAT THEY CANNOT DEAL WITH A CASE IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE CONTACT NUMBER OF THE COMPLAINANT. THEY SAID THEY NEED THE NUMBER FOR FEEDBACK, BUT WE EMPHASISED THAT IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO GIVE OUR NUMBER BECAUSE OF THE THREAT TO SAFETY. WE LIVE IN CHESNUT PLACE FLATS WHICH IS JUST OPPOSITE THIS PROPERTY WHERE THIS DOG IS LOCKED UP DAY AND NIGHT, IN UTTER ANGUISH!!! ALL THE PEOPLE IN CHESNUT PLACE FLATS ARE TO SCARED TO SPEAK UP BECAUSE OF THE NOTORIOUS REPUTATION OF THE OWNER. THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAW MAKES PROVISION FOR PEOPLE TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS WHEN REPORTING A CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, BUT WHY CANT A COMPLAINANT REMAIN ANONYMOUS WHEN REPORTING ANIMAL CRUELTY???? (WHICH IS ALSO CRIMINAL IN NATURE) 4) WE SENT MORE THAN FOURTEEN EMAILS WITH ALL THE DETAILS OF THIS ANIMAL ABUSE REPORT TO THE SPCA INSPECTORS AND TO THE MANAGER. WE SENT OUR EMAILS TO THESE EMAIL ADDRESSES: We sent the animal complaint on the 15th, 16th and 17th, January 2024 to this email address: inspectorate@spca-ct.za inspmanager@spca-ct.co.za info@capespca.co.za 6) WE ALSO INFORMED THE (AAACL) ANIMAL ANTI CRUELTY LEAGUE IN EPPING CAPE TOWN, AND THEIR BRANCH IN BELLVILLE VIA EMAIL ABOUT THIS ACT OF CRUELTY, AND SENT OUR EMAILS TO THIS ADDRESS We sent the animal animal complaint on the 17th January 2024 to this email address: controlinspector@aacl-ct.co.za We sent the animal complaint on the 17th and 19th January 2024 to this email address: bellville@aacl-ct.co.za We also informed the national SPCA about this animal complaint: nspca@nspca.co.za The property where this dog is kept is A FIRE HAZZARD WITH POOR VENTILATION!! THE ENTIRE PROPERTY IS ENCLOSED AND IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THIS DOG TO SUFFOCATE, HAVE A HEART ATTACK, OR STROKE OR JUST SUCCUMB TO THE TRAUMA THAT COMES FROM BEING LOCKED UP IN A DARK CONFINED SPACE DAY AND NIGHT AND LEFT ALONE WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER !! WE REALLY HOPE THAT THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES WILL FIND THIS DOG ALIVE BECAUSE ONE MONTH IS AMPLE ENOUGH TIME TO RESCUE THIS DOG AND TO OBTAIN A SEARCH WARRANT AND THE NEAREST ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANISATION IS LESS THAN TWENTY FIVE MINUTES AWAY FROM THIS PROPERTY!!! HERE IS A COPY OF ONE OF THE SEVERAL EMAILS WE SENT TO THE ANIMAL AUTHORITIES: Date: 15 Jan 2024, 20:20 From: workmarket@keemail.m To: inspectorate@spca-ct.za Subject: EMERGENCY! INSPECTOR JACO PIETERSE IT IS NOW FOUR O CLOCK IN THE EARLY MORNING AND WE CAN HEAR THIS DOG GROANING AND CRYING OUT OF ANGUISH!!! WE ARE IN THE FLATS OPPOSITE THE PROPERTY WHERE THIS DOG IS BEING KEPT AT NUMBER 36 SYRINGA CRESCENT BELHAR, AND WE CAN HEAR THIS DOG CRYING IN GREAT DISTRESS!!! ACCORDING TO THE ANIMAL BY-LAW IN THE CITY OF CAPE TOWN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO ENTER A PROPERTY AND INSPECT THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF AN ANIMAL AND SEIZE THAT ANIMAL IF THE LIFE OF THAT ANIMAL IS ENDANGERED AND THREATENED BY

NEGLECT AND ABUSE. THESE ARE THE WORDS OF ALDERMAN JP SMITH (HEAD OF SAFETY AND SECURITY) "Smith added that they had extensive animal protection provisions in the by-laws, and said that law enforcement effectively acted as a second SPCA. But law enforcement can also go on to a property to inspect whether an animal is being maltreated or improperly confined." WE INFORMED CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT THREE WEEKS AGO ALREADY, AND WE INFORMED THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT, SEVEN TIMES ALREADY!!! WE ALSO SENT SEVERAL EMAILS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AS WELL BUT UP UNTIL TODAY THIS DOG IS STILL TRAPPED IN A DARK CONFINED SPACE DAY AND NIGHT WITHOUT FOOD AND WATER!!! HERE ARE THE REFERENCE NUMBERS AND THE DATES FOR SOME OF THE PHONE CALLS WE MADE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT (ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT) 14 January 2024 We called law enforcement again to ask them to escalate the matter because the dog is still being locked up in the confined space and still barks day and night fighting to get out, and was told that this matter "is still open", meaning that it has not been addressed and resolved yet. Reference: 1001878767 13 January 2024 Reference: 1001877967 12 January 2024 Reference: 1001877105 11 January 2024 Reference: 1001876101 10 January 2024 Reference: 1001875728 9 January 2024 Reference: 1001875300 8 January 2024 7 January 2024 We also called law enforcement on this day but did not receive a reference number for this call LAW ENFORCEMENT TOLD US THAT THEY CANNOT ENTER THE PROPERTY IF THE OWNERS ARE NOT THERE AND THAT THEY CAN ONLY ENTER THE PROPERTY IF A POLICEMAN ACCOMPANIES TH CARINA BODENSTEIN 2023-12-20 21:19

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