

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building: STODELS BELLVILLE
Street: 81 EVERS DAL ROAD
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Postal Code: 7530
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Inspector: RIYAADH SALIE

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Comments: NEW INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM NEW COMPLAINANT:
Hi, I wasn't sure who to contact about this, but I figured the SPCA was my best shot. I recently visited Stodels in Stellenberg in Cape Town, and I was astonished by the lack of care provided for the animals. We used to love going as kids and touching the animals and seeing all the fish, but the level of care has drastically declined. Outside, near the restaurant, they have a large sheep that clearly hasn't been sheared in months if not years. The sheep has such a thick layer of wool and is clearly suffering in the recent 30° weather we've been having, you could see how desperately he was looking for a cool spot as it struggled for breath. Regarding these animals, the goats are always pregnant. I don't know if that's okay for them or if there's a specific reason, but I know I wouldn't want to always be pregnant; they look tired. The care given to the fish is also devastating; all the fish are lethargic and barely moving, and several can be seen with bloat. The larger fish are in shallow ponds, all grouped together in one spot. Some of the fish are in large buckets with such a strong stream of water that they can't even swim against it and are just spending all their time fighting against the current. They also have several turtles in their care at the moment, there are 2 or 3 of them in a small tank, with barely any room to get out of the water and barely any room to turn around. They used to have a pony too, it appears the pony has passed away, which, as sad as it is, I am grateful for. An animal of that size, who is meant to gallop and run and socialise, should never be kept in such a small space with only ducks and small kids grabbing at him. They have chickens between the other animals, most of which have been plucking out their feathers, likely due to stress.
Going to Stodels with my grandmother used to be a fun and fulfilling experience, now it has become hard to look at the animals.
I really hope the right people can look into this and do something about it, I didn't know who else to contact so I'm hoping the SPCA can take the necessary next steps.
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