



Licence no: Not issued

PERFORMING ANIMALS PROTECTION ACT, 2016 (PAPA)

(Act No. 4 of 2016)

LICENCE TO TRAIN/EXHIBIT ANIMALS/USE ANIMALS FOR SAFEGUARDING

I, Dr Le Roux Pepler, duly delegated in terms of Act 4 of 2016 (PAPA), Section 3E (1) (a) hereby confirm that I hereby refuse, in terms of Section 3C (1) (b) of the PAPA (Act 4 of 2016), the PAPA licence application for The Rapture (Pty) Ltd on 20/08/2025 due to the following reasons:

The PAPA licence application for The Rapture (Pty) Ltd, was received by this office on 10/07/2025. I was unable to complete a satisfactory inspection at the premises, nor did I receive any documentation to review as to assess the capacity of the applicant to use and care for dogs used for safeguarding. Additionally, the time frame in which attempts have been made to complete the PAPA process has far exceeded the required period.

The Rapture (Pty) Ltd is not licenced in terms of the Performing Animal Protection Act, Act 4 of 2016, to use dogs for safeguarding services. The use of dogs by The Rapture (Pty) Ltd in contravention of the PAPA will be seen as 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 (client of security service provider) that enlisted the use of a working animal without a PAPA licence, as well as the dog rental provider can be fined and prosecuted.

Should The Rapture (Pty) Ltd wish to use dogs for safeguarding in future, a new PAPA application has to be submitted to DALRRD and only upon approval of such a PAPA licence, subject to the full cooperation of the applicant, may security dogs again be rented and used by The Rapture (Pty) Ltd.

The Rapture (Pty) Ltd has the right to appeal this decision, in terms of section 3M of the amended Performing Animal Protection Act, Act 4 of 2016.

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Delegated PAPA licensing officer

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