

COGH SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

INSP214148

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 49 CHARD ROAD
Suburb: RETREAT
Postal Code: 7965
Inspector: NICOLE VENTER
Date of Inspection: 2025-05-02
Time of Inspection: 11:50

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name:
Company:
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2:

REPORT

Access Granted By: MAEIZELLE SWANEPOEL
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Care Taker
Captured By: Nicole Venter 2025-05-26 11:23

CHECKLISTS

CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Static Chain - inadequate length ** Unnecessary - no valid reason.
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	No *** Dogs chained & confined to cages / rooms.
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No *** Accumulated faeces, bodily fluids, contaminated water, etc.
WATER AVAILABLE	No ***
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	No ***
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No *** Parvo puppies, dirty coats, boney protrusions.
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes *** Parvo puppies, dirty coats, boney protrusions.

General Report Comments: Following a complaint (received with video footage) from Brinley Abrahams, Jamie Pieterse's landlord, a warrant was obtained from Wynberg Magistrate's Court due to SPCA repeatedly being denied access to the property.

I was accompanied by Chief Inspector Jaco Pieterse from the Cape of Good Hope SPCA and Sergeant Abrahams, Sergeant Rafferty, Constable Baron, Constable Baca, and Constable Thiba from Kirstenhof South African Police Station (Kirstenhof SAPS).

Upon our arrival to the property, we met with Mr Brinley Abrahams, who agreed to open the gate to allow us access to execute our warrant. However, when the landlord tried to open the gate with his remote, it was discovered that he was unable to open the gate for us.

A woman named Marizelle Swanepoel came out and the SAPS members spoke to her and told the woman to open the gate and allow access to the property, however, she kept trying to make excuses. She obstructed us from entering the property and executing our warrant for over seven (7) minutes. When she was told she would be arrested for obstruction, she then opened the gate.

Upon our entry to the property, we found five (5) adult dogs tied up outside on short tethers and/or chains that restricted their movement and without access to potable drinking water. There were also five (5) crossbreed puppies kept in a small pen where the brown crossbreed dog was tethered to a tap. One of the tethered dogs was kept inside a small pen yet was still tethered inside the small pen.

We then entered the house and were immediately shocked by the putrid smell. We first found one (1) Pitbull dog confined to a dirty and putrid smelling kitchen. We then found three (3) dogs confined to a bathroom containing accumulated faeces, urine, and soiled rubbish. These dogs had no access to water. The smell in the house was so strong and foul smelling that I kept nearly vomiting. We then found another three (3) dogs confined to a separate room. After removing these dogs from the house, we continued going further inside.

Once we opened the door behind a couch soaked in urine, we found one (1) cat and another three (3) puppies confined in disgustingly dirty conditions. There was urine, rotten food, vomit, faeces, and dirty, putrid smelling water containers in the room with these animals. Once we removed the animals from inside the house, the SAPS members continued their search. Whilst outside, we found three (3) plastic tubs containing dirty, foul smelling water that was discoloured dark green and black. These tubs of water contained koi fish and tilapia fish.

We removed a total of eight (8) puppies, thirteen (13) dogs, one (1) cat, and three tubs of fish (including 5 Nile Tilapia fish) from the property and Marizelle Swanepoel was issued with Seizure Notice 02460 and was provided with a copy of the warrant and regulation 468, and a copy of the application that was used to obtain the warrant. However, Marizelle Swanepoel was arrested by Kirstenhof SAPS members.

A docket was opened at Kirstenhof SAPS: CAS 11/05/2025.

ACTIONS

ANIMAL/S SEIZED	02460
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REPORT OUTCOMES

ANIMAL(S) CONFISCATED	A2855 to A2864 & A59722 to A59733.
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ANIMAL CRUELTY CHARGES LAID	
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OTHER	Case opened - CAS 11/05/2025
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INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

16 x DOGS (VARIOUS) - (COLOUR: VARIED) CONDITION: BONEY PROTRUSIONS, DIRTY COATS.

Description:

5 x DOGS (VARIOUS) - (COLOUR: VARIED) CONDITION: TESTED POSITIVE FOR PARVO

Description:

1 x CATS (DOMESTIC MEDIUM HAIR (DMH)) - (COLOUR: WHITE WITH GINGER) CONDITION: FAIR

Description:

5 x OTHER (FISH) - CONDITION: FAIR / LESS THAN IDEAL

Description:

30 x OTHER (FISH) - (COLOUR: VARIED) CONDITION: FAIR