

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building:
Street: HANGBERG SLOPES
Suburb:
Postal Code:
Date: 2025-06-24
Time: 16:40
Inspector: TEAH MURPHY

Type: EMAIL - RECEIVED
Follow-Up Date: 2025-06-26
Comments: From: Althea Visagie <altheavisagie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 June 2025 16:10
To: Inspectorate – Cape of Good Hope SPCA <inspectorate@spca-ct.co.za>
Subject: Case 216225

Hi,

I am replying to your email of 23 June: 'Can you possibly provide us with evidence of what you are stating? As the last report done by the inspector, on 28/05/2025 the dog has access to adequate shelter, food and drinkable water. The dog was also placed on a runner as explained by the inspector, the dog in question was in a good condition.'

I am surprised by the reply for case 216225, and that there is even a running rope for this dog. I do not observe any running rope.

I cannot go closer to take a video to show more evidence, for it is a squatter area and on a mountainside. I can only see the dog through my binoculars. It's too far to see small details. I am at home every day, my house is facing them. The dog barks a lot, sometimes a full day without a break. The dog is tied up with a short rope or chain from the inside of the box. He sits either inside the box or in front of it every day, for a long time now, he never moves further away.

One of the bigger side panels of the doghouse is missing. I can see a piece of the white wall of the owner's house and part of the back door through the doghouse. So, the dog is not fully protected against the rain and cold.

It looks as if part of the roof is also missing, but the view I have does not show that part properly. Perhaps the inspector went to another property? Or perhaps the owners removed the running rope?

When I first reported the case and after it was investigated, I was informed that the dog was kept with the neighbour for a while. Where he was tied up on a short rope as well and barking all the time.

He was then moved to the white house shown in my photograph, where I presume the inspector went. Except that the barking is very disturbing and annoying, it is a call for attention from the dog, as there is very little human contact, and he is left alone all the time not able to move around.

I can try to find someone living close to that house, to take a close-up picture, but this might take an unnecessary long time. It is winter, rainy and cold.

There was a complaint against the same person in December 2023 from me. A case was opened; the case number was 192882. It was about 2 dogs that had no shade in the sweltering summer sun. I think the Spca confiscated the dogs, because the owner did not care enough to provide adequate shelter and shade. It seems these people are repeat abusers of animals. They should not be allowed to own an animal.

Althea Visagie

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