

INSPECTOR NOTE

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Date:	2025-07-25
Time:	16:58
Inspector:	TEAH MURPHY
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ANOTHER CASE RECEIVED. PLEASE REFER TO INSP 219064:

From: Paws-a-While <info@pawsawhile.org>
Sent: Friday, 25 July 2025 12:14
To: Jaco Pieterse - Cape of Good Hope SPCA <inspmanager@spca-ct.co.za>
Subject: Fwd: Ongoing Concerns Regarding Tacklehoff K9 Activities Onsite

Hi Jaco,

I hope you're well?

Below refers -

I can attest that when I visited the kennels with Lionel's Choice earlier this year, the condition of the dogs (physically and their living conditions) were horrendous. The dogs were extremely thin, and crusty on their eyes and ears. The shelter was made of barely held together shade cloth. Water bowls filthy and green, dogs were living in their own excrement and kennels were covered in flies. One dog had extremely swollen, seemingly painful testicles as he could not sit or stand comfortably. I was assured he would receive urgent vet care. When I asked why the dogs were not sterilised, I was told the procedure is too expensive.

I was soon after informed that a meeting was held with you and Renier so I felt it was no longer necessary to formally raise the conditions with you.

After a long phone call and this follow up email, I would like to formally request your consideration to please visit this company and see what is going on there, either yourself or one of your senior inspectors.

The concern raised is about the kennels in Phillipi, not where the dogs are sourced out as security as I do not know those conditions, but I do know that from what I saw - these animals are suffering.

There is also breeding (Malinois and Rottweiler) occurring on site, which I am aware does not fall under your powers as the SPCA, I will gladly raise this with the ACU if required.

With sincere thanks,

Kind regards,
Carolyn

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jacks Rescue <erzsi@jacksrescue.org>
Date: 25 July 2025 at 11:38:43 SAST
To: info@pawsawhile.org
Subject: Ongoing Concerns Regarding Tacklehoff K9 Activities Onsite

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you again for taking the time to speak with me. I truly appreciate your openness and willingness to hear my concerns.

As discussed during our phone conversation, I'm writing to raise serious concerns regarding Tacklehoff K9, the security company currently renting kennel space from Camelot Kennels.

Although I haven't been inside their kennels myself, I'm very concerned about where and how they are conducting their dog training. While the SPCA was previously told by Reinier that training no longer occurs onsite, from 21 June 2025 to 25 June 2025, training has been held daily on the property. External security companies such as ADT and Fidelity have been observed attending these sessions .

The training methods being used are deeply troubling: dogs are being held back with choke chains while another person winds them up to provoke aggressive responses. Loud shouting and the use of whips that mimic gunfire are common. These practices are having a significant emotional and behavioral impact on my rescue dogs, many of whom come from abusive backgrounds and have worked hard to regain trust in people. Since the training resumed onsite, several of them have shown signs of stress and aggression that had previously been resolved.

Additionally, there have been safety issues, such as the main gate being left open during training, which presents a serious risk to both animals and humans on the farm.

Further compounding the situation, I've had two separate incidents where private individuals entered the property looking for Clifford, who works for Tacklehoff K9 and appears to be the one conducting the training. They claimed to be interested in purchasing puppies he was selling.

On Wednesday, 23 June 2025, Clifford approached me regarding a Boerboel in his care (which is also kept onsite). The dog appeared extremely emaciated, weak, and close to collapse. I urged him to take the dog to a vet immediately. Unfortunately, due to a recent hip replacement, I have not been able to follow up or confirm whether the dog received veterinary care.

I have brought all of these concerns to the attention of both the owner of Camelot Kennels and the owner of the property, but to date, no action has been taken.

Given the severity of the situation and the impact it's having on the animals in my care and the safety of the environment, I am turning to you in hopes that you can assist or advise on the appropriate steps to take going forward.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,
Erzsi Toth
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