

INSPECTOR NOTE

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Follow-Up Date:

Comments: From: Tatum Philips <ptatum908@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 18 July 2025 13:06
To: Inspectorate – Cape of Good Hope SPCA <inspectorate@spca-ct.co.za>
Subject: Re: Disappointment with Handling of Case Regarding Animal Cruelty - INSP217287

Also find attached

Regards

Tatum

On Fri, 18 Jul 2025, 1:04 pm Tatum Philips, <ptatum908@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear SPCA Representative,

I am writing to express my deep disappointment and concern regarding the handling of the case involving the burning of my dog by my neighbor Wayne Gertse whom reside in King Fisher lane Hout Bay. Despite my neighbor Wayne Gertse's verbal admission of guilt to multiple people, including my husband and aunt, I was informed that the case would be closed with only a warning issued.

I was shocked to hear that the reason for this decision was due to the perceived weakness of the case, citing that no one witnessed the actual burning of the dog. However, I find it troubling that the SPCA did not consider the significance of my neighbor's verbal admission, which is a crucial piece of evidence. Furthermore, despite my providing the names and contact information of witnesses who can corroborate the admission, no one from the SPCA has reached out to them for an interview.

I had sent photos of my dog's condition after the incident, which clearly showed the severity of the burns. It's disheartening to hear that the SPCA attributes my dog's euthanasia to aggression, when in fact, it was the neighbor's cruel act that led to my dog's condition and subsequent behavioral changes. I have repeatedly requested the post-mortem report, but despite my efforts, I have been met with claims that it's unknown or unavailable. I find this particularly disturbing, especially since I have Jeremy Braaf from DARG as a witness who can confirm that the post-mortem was supposed to be sent to me.

I have sent numerous emails, but my queries often go unanswered or receive inadequate responses. It's frustrating to experience a lack of communication and follow-through on the part of the SPCA. I urge you to take my concerns seriously and re-examine the handling of this case.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further with a senior representative and explore options for pursuing further action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Tatum

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