

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building: BEHIND SUPERBRAAI WOOD

Street: TYGERBERG VALLEY ROAD

Suburb: CAPE FARMS

Postal Code:

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Inspector: RUDOLPH PHILANDER

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Rudolph Philander;
Jaco Pieterse - Cape of Good Hope SPCA
Good Day,

Yes, I received your mail and a delivered notice yesterday.

And, NO – the time granted therein will not work. I am not a God, this is not a seven day project.

I currently have 4 different age groups of ostriches, they are all out of their first stage shelters/tunnels and are in 4 different camps. In the next couple of weeks there will be 6 different groups at different sizes and stages of growth (as we have to class them regularly) It is not possible financially, logistic or labour-wise to erect 4 to 6 shelters in 7 days.

Also, from the last two visits to our farm by your client (two months ago), they gave no indication or notice, that we must erect shelters. In fact, they seemed very understanding of how commercial ostrich farming works with regard to shelters, and checked through our audited file for ostrich welfare. (our premises is audited every 2nd year by the ostrich business chamber w.r.t. animal welfare).

It so happens that agriculture is an ever changing business, and because of over production, US tariffs, lower prices, etc. ,we are now at a stage where we get a certain quota/number of ostriches for slaughter. So, two of my clients will not engage in rearing ostriches this coming season, resulting in us taking in only one third of normal rearing quantities. Up to now, we concentrated on rearing chicks for clients (Spring and Summer) and then send back the chicks at 4/5 months age (normally before winter weather starts).

With the changes as explained above, it now became necessary for us to erect Winter shelters, as the slaughter birds will stay on the farm for 12 months. These shelters need to be sturdy and properly built. Previous attempts to build quick winter shelters did not work.

We are currently busy with repairs to horse shelters from winter damage , with the help of extra hired labour (we only have two permanent employees). We will start next week with ostrich shelters, it will take several weeks to complete.

Regards

Riaan Oosthuizen
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