

INSPECTOR NOTE

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Inspector:	TEAH MURPHY
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED VIA THE EMAIL:

From: Toni Tresadern <ttresadern@mweb.co.za>
Sent: Monday, 22 September 2025 15:27
To: Jaco Pieterse - Cape of Good Hope SPCA <chiefinspector@spca-ct.co.za>
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ATTENTION: Jaco Pieterse

I kindly ask you to please view this video, which will show you clearly the terrible cruelty that a sheep had to endure in a residential area just over 2 weeks ago. I am the person in the Combi that stopped to ask the man what he was doing chasing a traumatised/terrified sheep up and down Enzo crescent in Bothasig at midday on Friday 29 August 2025. I then reported the matter to SAPS, the local neighbourhood watch and AACL, who assist me with animals in the Leonsdale, Elsie's River area. AACL contacted SPCA, as did a great number of other residents who were concerned about the state of the animal, and the terror it was experiencing.

As you can see, an inspector from SPCA arrived, but left shortly afterwards. As I am going to send this video to a contact of mine at Carte Blanche, I would like your comment on how your inspector could possibly have deemed what had happened to this animal to be alright, and not downright cruelty. Please watch till the end. The animal was in a very poor physical shape, with a big growth hanging down from his abdomen.

I have observed how quickly the SPCA is to condemn cruelty to animals and even take people to court, so am interested in your response to why this sheep was left to suffer for hours longer, and then stuffed into the boot of an SUV and taken elsewhere. For slaughter I imagine. The sheep was at the residential premises for two days before it escaped.

Your response is required please Jaco. And I am not interested in hearing about cultural issues, as I saw the terror in this animal's eyes, you didn't.

Kind Regards
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Dear Toni

Thank you for your email and for bringing this matter to my attention.

Starting off, the SPCA was not in possession of the video footage you shared when we received the complaint and investigated the matter. It is very unfortunate that this was not shared with the SPCA at the time of the incident, as it would have been of immense evidentiary value and may have enabled a different course of action. Instead, it is now being sent more than two weeks later, accompanied by a threat to escalate the matter to Carte Blanche. Be that as it may, the SPCA remains open to scrutiny and welcomes any opportunity to provide the facts, which I will do here.

Please note that the SPCA did not receive a complaint directly from you. We received a single complaint from a member of the public with limited information. As is standard protocol, the SPCA Inspectorate prioritised the matter, and an Inspector was dispatched immediately after concluding an emergency callout - the Inspector arrived within less than 2 hours of receiving the complaint.

Upon arrival at the property, the Inspector interviewed the owners and conducted a full physical inspection of the sheep and its environment. The sheep was not found to be underweight nor exhibiting visible injuries at the time of inspection. Attached hereto is a photo taken by our Inspector during the visit, which reflects the condition in which the animal was found (with blue spray paint on the head and red spray paint on the back). The animal had access to food, water, and shelter, which are the minimum legal requirements under the Animals Protection Act.

The owners did confirm that the sheep had escaped from the premises earlier in the day. They were accordingly educated on humane handling and care, and were expressly warned that the City of Cape Town's Animal Keeping By-law prohibits the slaughter of animals on residential properties. They undertook to move the sheep to a farm later that same day, which, based on the circumstances observed, was a reasonable and acceptable outcome at that point in time.

With respect to the alleged manner in which the sheep was transported: the Inspector did not witness the loading or off-site transport of the sheep and thus was not in a position to intervene. From the footage you've now provided, it appears that the vehicle used was not a fully enclosed boot, and that airflow was present in the back of the vehicle. Had the boot been fully enclosed, then it would have constituted a contravention in terms of the Animals Protection Act. I am more concerned about the trailer that was used, and I think the sheep may have been tethered inside that trailer. We take this seriously and will investigate the matter further to determine if any contravention occurred.

Regarding enforcement action, it is important to understand that Inspectors may only seize animals in very specific circumstances. In this case, there were no grounds for immediate seizure. The sheep was not in distress when assessed, and there were no physical injuries or cruelty observed at the time. Any removal of the animal would therefore have required a warrant from court to authorise such seizure – which we would not have been able to secure based on the limited evidence available to the Inspector on scene.

While I appreciate your passion for animal welfare – a passion that we both share – I must respectfully caution against public assumptions or criticisms made without the full facts. The SPCA does not hesitate to act decisively where cruelty is proven, and has a long record of pursuing such matters in court. But each case must be assessed on its merits and within the bounds of the law.

Lastly, since you've indicated your intention to share this video with Carte Blanche, I have taken the liberty of copying Ms Liz Fish of Carte Blanche into this correspondence to ensure transparency and to facilitate any future engagement.

Should you have further information or evidence regarding this case – including the location of the farm the sheep was taken to, or any confirmation of unlawful slaughter – I would strongly encourage you to share it with us. This would greatly assist any ongoing investigation.

@Inspectorate – Cape of Good Hope SPCA please allocate this matter to the area Inspector to take action regarding the transport with the trailer. Thanks.

Kind regards

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Thank you for your email Jaco.

I had no idea this residential Close had CCTV coverage. I just happened to be driving through the area at around 13h10 when I witnessed the animal trying to run away from a man with a stick. The animal was clearly traumatised. I have no idea where he was taken to in the SUV – I am sure your inspector would have asked that question when he was there, and followed up afterwards to make sure the animal had been treated as humanely as possible. Your inspectors fill in incident reports, don't they?

I asked AAACL for assistance, and Roxanne contacted SPCA, confirming back to me that your inspector was on the way.

The entire Leonardo Village is apparently on a WhatsApp group, and I am told that the neighbours were all very concerned. Some tried to liaise with the owners of No 3 Enzo Crescent, but mentioned they were very aggressive, stating if others could own dogs, they could keep a sheep.

The video only came to my attention this week, as it is being circulated in the area. I don't live in Bothasig – just happened to be fetching one of my foster children from an appointment when I came upon this unfortunate situation.

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