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From: Belinda Botes <belindabotesbb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 08 December 2025 17:58
To: info - Cape of Good Hope SPCA <info@capespca.co.za>
Subject: Unable to continue caring for my aged dogs

Dear SPCA Cape Town,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you, as I find myself in a difficult situation. My name is Belinda Botes, and I reside at 36 Albow Rd, Rugby, Cape Town, 7405. I have two elderly dogs, Rover and Giselle, who are 13 and 14 years old, and I am struggling to continue to care for them financially.

When I adopted them from a shelter nine years ago, I originally intended to take just one dog. However, I was encouraged to adopt Giselle as well because of Giselle and Rover's close bond and the shelter believed they would pine for each other if they were separated. I was promised the assistance for Giselle and Rover's food and care through the shelter and a volunteer.

Unfortunately, the shelter shut down during Covid and the volunteer's financial circumstances changed so that I had limited support. Another volunteer named Rose, who passed away almost a year ago, was helping me every few months when the shelter contacted her after they had shut down, but no other assistance was made available.

Despite my best efforts to care for both Rover and Giselle, I have noticed their health declining, and they are losing weight. It pains me to see them suffer, especially in their golden years. Recently, I suspect Giselle may have had a stroke, as she has started walking with her head tilted since last week. I feel it would be cruel to allow them to continue living in these conditions. Therefore, I kindly request your assistance in collecting them when possible. I truly believe this is the best choice for their well-being.

Thank you for your understanding and compassion during this difficult time. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

My number is 0722 546 317.

Best regards,
Belinda Botes

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