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Comments:

Dear Mr De Vos, Mr Ross, Lieutenant Colonel Viljoen (Vispol Commander), Sergeant Ricketts and Sergeant Evertson,

I hope you are all well.

I am writing to bring everyone together regarding the upcoming community animal outreach in Eureka Estate, Elsie's River on Tuesday, 20 October 2026.

The purpose of the outreach is to bring much-needed animal welfare services directly into the community, particularly sterilisation and vaccination, and to make these services accessible to pet owners who may otherwise struggle to access or afford them.

SPCA – Outreach

Mr De Vos, Lead Prosecutor at the Cape of Good Hope SPCA, has yesterday telephonically confirmed the date of 20 October 2026 – the exact time is yet to be confirmed.

The SPCA has also asked me to provide an indication of how many pets may be expected. At this stage, unfortunately, I cannot give an accurate number, as this will depend entirely on how many community members become aware of the outreach and make use of the opportunity - Leonsdale has had a turn-up of approximately 80 pets, I hope to see similar commitment on our side as opposed to people hiding their pets due to the stigma around the SPCA.

SAPS – Community Support

I have spoken with Sergeant Ricketts and Sergeant Evertson, who have kindly agreed to assist with distributing pamphlets during their patrol in the community before the outreach date, so that residents are made aware of the opportunity beforehand.

They have also agreed to be visible at the SPCA Mobile, which I greatly appreciate, particularly from a safety perspective for the SPCA team, the residents and the animals attending.

I have discussed the need for a location and provided the Sergeants with my three suggestions. Both Sergeants were of the opinion that the SPCA Mobile utilise the small section of the field alongside Eureka Primary School, on the corner of Canterbury Road and 40th Street.

I am in agreement with the use of this site, as it will be able to target the dogs who are repeatedly "breeding" / producing litter after litter after litter. At the rate this has been going, I would not be surprised if many of these puppies are ending up in bins on bin day.

I would also have liked to propose a second stop – the field on the corner of 39th Avenue and Fabriek Street – as this would have allowed the outreach to extend further into the surrounding community. However, the field is not currently in a state where it can be used for health services.

Lieutenant Colonel Viljoen, I believe that Sergeant Ricketts and Sergeant Evertson have already briefed / discussed the proposed arrangements with you yesterday, and I appreciate your support in assisting with this initiative. This also places the Ravensmead SAPS officials in a more approaching light which could potentially make people more open to report crime in the future. Thank you for the support.

Community Awareness

Mr Steve Ross, as you are an active representative member of the Elsie's River community and administrator of several local community groups, including the local pet group, I would greatly appreciate your assistance in broadcasting the outreach information to the community once the final details have been confirmed.

A picture posted to the relevant street and pet groups would be very beneficial.

Getting the information out to residents beforehand is particularly important, as the number of animals attending cannot be predicted at this stage. The more residents who are aware of the opportunity, the greater the potential impact of the outreach.

I would like to thank everyone involved for assisting with this initiative. My original concern was the number of unwanted litters being born in the community, particularly the regular ones, and the aim is to address this through accessible preventative animal welfare services rather than dealing with individual cases one at a time, which could potentially pose a safety risk.

I am very grateful that the SPCA has agreed to bring this outreach into the community of Eureka Estate, and that SAPS is willing to assist in making it possible.

If everyone is copied into the correspondence, we can hopefully ensure that the SPCA, SAPS and community representatives are all working from the same information and that the outreach runs as smoothly and effectively as possible.

Mr De Vos, please could you also confirm the time for the outreach on 20 October 2026.

I also look forward to receiving a copy/draft pamphlet before it is made official - you have my personal contact number - , as well as any requirements that residents should be made aware of when the information is circulated.

Thank you all for your assistance and support.

Kind Regards,
Anthea

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