

COGH SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

INSP237242

Complaint Reference No.

Building: METRO/ SAPS MOUNTED UNIT IN VISSERS
Street: VISSERSHOK ROAD
Suburb: BLOUBERGSTRAND
Postal Code:
Inspector: ROWAN DAVIDS
Date of Inspection: 2026-10-06
Time of Inspection: 14:12

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: WARRANT OFFICER LAWSON
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Identification:
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REPORT

Access Granted By: Saps mounted unit
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Worker
Captured By: ROWAN DAVIDS 2026-10-06 21:41

CHECKLISTS

WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	Yes	
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	No	
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - adequate space	Stables

General Report Comments: Rowan and I arrived at the Mounted Unit for SAPS as per NSPCA requirements. We met Warrant Officer Lawson as Capt Roelofse was not on site.

WO was very welcoming and understood why we were there to do an inspection. SAPS has 18 horses under their care.

We walked past each horse observing the conditions of the stables. Each stable is constructed from concrete and has a double wooden door for the horses to move in and out from. Next to the door is an opening in the wall to put water buckets through and fill them easily from outside. The horses had 10 cm of wood shavings as bedding. It was clear that the bedding gets replaced regularly as all of it was dry. There were several grooms on site busy picking the horses hooves and grooming them. WO Lawson confirmed that this gets done daily. All horses had access to ad lib feed in the form of oathay in nets.

On this day all horses were stabled due to possible extreme weather conditions. Only a few horses were off site but most were present so we could inspect each horse. They mostly own Fresian horses. The eldest horse was Carel. The body score condition was acceptable for each and every horse.

Casanova was observed with a bandage on its left front leg. When asked, WO Lawson confirmed that he was being treated for an abcess on left front leg. The veterinarian and farrier saw to him on the 11 September 2026 and the horse cleared.

Lenard is also under veterinary treatment at Blue Cross and is being fed with psyllium husks due to him having intermittent diarrhea.

After inspecting the horses we went to the tack room. Each horse is assigned to one officer with its own tack. We inspected the numnahs and saddles and it was in good working conditions. They use Dubbin to maintain their tack.

The horses mainly eat oathay and teff unless the veterinarian suggests otherwise.

We then went to the office and inspected each horses file. It was very well organized and each horse that had veterinary issues, was immediately seen to by the veterinarians and the records support that.

We also inspected the horse boxes and found no welfare concerns.

This is a very well run unit in comparison with the SAPS K9 Unit.

No contraventions of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 was observed during this inspection. Facility Inspector to do regular follow ups.

ACTIONS

NO ACTION REQUIRED

REPORT OUTCOMES

NO CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE APA -

CHECKLIST COMPLETED - SEE ATTACHMENT

CASE FINALISED - NFA

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - AN UNSTERILISED FEMALE CALLED 'OLANGA' (COLOUR: BLACK) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'RITZE' (COLOUR: BLACK) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'JOHAN' (COLOUR: BLACK) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'KALAHARI' (COLOUR: BLACK) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'RAIN BEAR' (COLOUR: BLACK) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'KARATE' (COLOUR: BLACK) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'LENARD' (COLOUR: BLACK) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'KAGISO' (COLOUR: DARK BAY) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'CAREL' (COLOUR: DARK BAY) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'LEO' (COLOUR: BLACK) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'JASMINE' (COLOUR: BLACK) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (HORSE) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'CASANOVA' (COLOUR: DARK BAY) CONDITION: ABCESS ON LFL

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (HORSE) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'NIMROD' (COLOUR: BAY) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (FREISIAN) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'LUCKY' (COLOUR: BLACK) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (HORSE) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'LANCELOT' (COLOUR: CHESTNUT) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (HORSE) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'LATHAN' (COLOUR: BAY) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (HORSE) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'NATREO' (COLOUR: DARK BAY) CONDITION: GOOD

Description:

1 x HORSES / DONKEYS (HORSE) - A STERILISED MALE CALLED 'OLOF' (COLOUR: BAY) CONDITION: GOOD