

INSPECTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE MOUNTED UNITS

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IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING WHEN INSPECTING SAPS MOUNTED UNITS:

The SAPS Mounted Unit Checklist has been designed specifically for the inspection of the South African Police Service Mounted Units.

When conducting a proactive or reactive inspection at the SAPS Mounted Unit in your area it is important that the Inspector reports directly to the Unit Commander of the specific SAPS Mounted Unit for introduction and explaining the reason for the inspection. If the Unit Commander is not available then the Inspector needs to ask for the Acting Unit Commander or stable Official.

Inspectors must be authorized under the hand of the magistrate of the district, in terms of Section 8(1) of the Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962, to conduct inspections at the SAPS Mounted Units.

Prior to conducting the inspection of the stable facilities we recommend that the Inspector takes the time to go through the checklist to complete all the relevant information and questions. It is important to note that some of the questions are for your own personal knowledge/observations whilst conducting the inspection.

Upon completion of the checklist the Inspector will understand the basic layout and operations of the specific SAPS Mounted Unit and what needs to be inspected. It is important that the Inspector is accompanied by a SAPS Official at all times during the inspection. It is not recommended that the Inspector handles the SAPS horses. If handling is required then the SAPS Officials should be handling the horses for safety reasons.

The Inspector must ask to inspect the last SAPS Veterinary Inspection Team Report conducted at the Mounted Unit. The SAPS Veterinary Team Inspection is an internal inspection done by the SAPS and is conducted at least once annually. This report states the concerns that were noted at the specific Mounted Unit during the inspection. The Inspector must pay close attention to the SAPS Veterinary Report and can then compare their findings with that of the SAPS Veterinarian.

Direct contraventions of the Animals Protection Act (APA) must be issued in writing to the SAPS Mounted Unit in the form of an official written warning. Non APA contraventions can be pointed out as a separate recommendation. Warnings may only be issued for **direct** contraventions of the Animals Protection Act.

A copy of the warning issued to the SAPS Mounted Unit must be forwarded to the NSPCA Special Projects Unit for further perusal. The NSPCA Special Projects Unit will forward a copy of the warning to the relevant heads at the SAPS for further investigation and perusal.

Please do not hesitate to contact the NSPCA on 011 907 3590 or specialprojects@nspca.co.za for more information or guidance on the inspection of SAPS Mounted Units.

SAPS MOUNTED UNIT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Date of inspection: 03/02/26	Time of inspection: 11H17
Inspector(s): R. DAVIDS	

1. SAPS MOUNTED UNIT INFORMATION	
SAPS MOUNTED Unit: WES Cape Town	Province: Western Province
Address: Waterloo Bridge Farm N7, Table View	
GPS Co-ordinates: S	E

Unit Commander: Captain Roelfse	
Tel No.:	Cell No.: 0798941426
Fax No.:	E-mail: W.C. MOUNTED.UNIT@saps.gov.za
Unit Second In Command: W. J. LAWSON	Cell No.:
Stable Official: Warrant Officer Lawson	Cell No.:

2. VETERINARY INFORMATION	
SAPS Veterinarian:	
Tel No.:	Cell No.:
Fax No.:	E-mail:

Local Veterinarian: DR. F. TRICHARDT	
Practice Details: Blue Cross VET	
Tel No.: 021 674 4090	Cell No.:
Fax No.:	E-mail:

The SAPS Mounted Units make use of the SAPS Veterinarians based at Roodeplaat in Pretoria and Potchefstroom. But when the need arises in an emergency case they will make use of a local veterinarian.

3. GENERAL MANAGEMENT	
Number of horses at the Unit?	19
Number of stables available?	20
Number of paddocks that can be used?	1
Number of camps unable to use?	N/A
Is there a "SAPS 84" file available with information on each horse?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Is the medical information available for each horse?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Breed of horses used: FRIESONS	
Function of horses?: PATROL	
Identification used: microchip	

4. WORKING DETAILS OF HORSES?	
Duty roster available for each horse? (including rest periods)	☒ Yes ☐ No
Length of each shift?	6 HRS
Travelling time?	1 HR MAX
Travelling conditions? (i.e. rough terrain, etc)	SMOOTH SURFACE

5. STABLES	
Number of STABLES at the Unit:	30
Description of stables:	BRICK STABLES
Adequate shelter?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Size of stables:	4m X 3m X 6m
Condition of stables: (i.e. good, in need of repair, loose wires, broken gate, etc)	Good
Maximum time spent in the stables?	4 HRS During the day
Any fighting observed?	Yes ☒ No ☐
Description of paddocks?	LARGE ARENA
Adequate shelter available in the paddocks?	☒ Yes ☐ No
How often are the horses allowed into the paddocks?	Every Day
How many hours are the horses allowed to spend in the paddocks?	4 HRS

6. HYGIENE	
Are the stables and paddocks clean?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Cleaning/disinfectant products used?	
How often are the stables disinfected?	
Are the horses removed from the stables or paddocks during cleaning?	☒ Yes ☐ No
What measures are in place to control flies & rodents?	FLY TRAPS
Is the grass at the Unit kept short to prevent ticks and snakes?	☒ Yes ☐ No

7. FOOD AND WATER	
How often are the horses fed?	3 times a day
Quantity of food?	EACH HORSE'S feed is Guided By a feed schedule
Brands of food used?	Lucerne / OAT Hay / CONCENTRATES
General hygiene of food store? (i.e. CLEAN, smelly, etc)	CLEAN
Potable water available for all the horses?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Are there any poisons or dangerous chemicals kept in the feed room?	Yes ☒ No ☐

8. HEALTH MANAGEMENT	
How often are the horses dipped?	ONCE A MONTH

Is the dipping method in good working order?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Other form of parasite control: <i>FLY TRAPS</i>	
General condition of horses: <i>ex. poor, fair, good, obese, etc. Good</i>	
Any sick or injured horses observed?	Yes ☒ No
If yes, provide details? <i>N/A</i>	
Any signs of behavioural problems?	Yes ☒ No
If yes, provide details? <i>N/A</i>	

9. TRANSPORTATION

Method of transport: <i>HORSE BOXES</i>	
Maximum length of time horses confined in transport: <i>1 HR</i>	
Are horses been safeguarded by equipment during transport? <i>YES</i>	
General roadworthiness of vehicles: <i>Good</i>	
Are the transport horsebox clean?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Are the doors secured to prevent escape or theft?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Is ventilation suitable?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Is there potential for exhaust fumes entering the horses' space?	Yes ☒ No

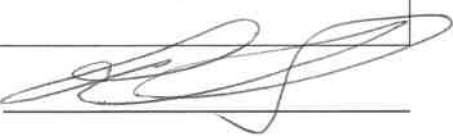
10. RETIRED HORSES

What do they do with retired HORSES? <i>VETERINARIAN dependent</i>	
Where are they kept? <i>NOT SURE</i>	
Is a rehoming policy in place?	Yes ☒ No
Are pre and post home checks done?	<i>N/A</i> Yes ☐ No

11. PROBLEMS / CONCERNS / COMMENTS

<i>NO CONCERNS OBSERVED AS ALL APPEARS TO BE IN ORDER. FLY TRAPS WAS INSTALLED. N/A</i>

Action taken? <i>N/A</i> i.e. vet recommendations, education, etc.
Follow-up action? <i>NONE</i>

INSPECTOR: *R. Davis* SIGNATURE: 

NB! After a Society conducted an inspection at a SAPS Mounted Units all inspection reports, including warnings and photos, must be forwarded to the National Council of SPCAs for scrutiny and to enable the NSPCA to pursue any contraventions with the relevant Provincial and National Directorate of the SAPS.