

INSPECTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE MOUNTED UNITS**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.

Function of horses?	<i>PATROL</i>
Identification used: i.e. (Microchips, phone)	<i>MICROCHIPS</i>

4. WORKING DETAILS OF HORSES?

Duty roster available for each horse? (including rest periods)	☒ Yes ☐ No
Length of each shift?	<i>4HRS</i>
Travelling time?	<i>40min</i>
Travelling conditions? i.e. rough terrain, etc	<i>SMOOTH</i>

5. STABLES

Number of STABLES at the Unit:	<i>10</i>
Description of stables:	<i>BRICK STABLE</i>
Adequate shelter?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Size of stables:	<i>4m x 3m x 6m</i>
Condition of stables: i.e. good, in need of repair, loose wires, broken gate, etc	<i>Good</i>
Maximum time spent in the stables?	<i>4HRS</i>
Any fighting observed?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Description of paddocks?	<i>Good condition / Clean</i>
Adequate shelter available in the paddocks?	☒ Yes ☐ No
How often are the horses allowed into the paddocks?	<i>HALF of the day</i>
How many hours are the horses allowed to spend in the paddocks?	<i>4HRS</i>

6. HYGIENE

Are the stables and paddocks clean?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Cleaning/disinfectant products used?	<i>Pine Gel</i>
How often are the stables disinfected?	<i>Daily</i>
Are the horses removed from the stables or paddocks during cleaning?	☒ Yes ☐ No
What measures are in place to control flies & rodents?	<i>FLY TRAP / BAIT BOXES</i>
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 DAILY
Quantity of food?	HORSE ARE FED ON A GUIDE OF A FEEDING SCHEDULE
Brands of food used?	LUCERNE / OAT HAY
General hygiene of food store? i.e. CLEAN, smelly, etc	
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:	FLY TRAPS
General condition of horses: i.e. poor, fair, good, obese, etc	
Good	
Any sick or injured horses observed?	Yes / ☒ No
If yes, provide details?	N/A
Any signs of behavioural problems?	Yes / ☒ No
If yes, provide details?	N/A

9. TRANSPORTATION	
Method of transport:	HORSE BOXES
Maximum length of time horses confined in transport:	40 min
Are horses been safeguarded by equipment during transport?	yes
General roadworthiness of vehicles:	
Good	
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 HORSESWhat do they do with retired HORSES? *VETERNARIAN Dependent*Where are they kept? *NOT SURE*

Is a rehoming policy in place?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are pre and post home checks done?

Yes ☒ No ☐**11. PROBLEMS / CONCERNS / COMMENTS***ALL APPEARS TO BE IN ORDER, NO CONCERNS OBSERVED
N/A.*Action taken? *e.g. warning, recommendations, education, etc.**None*Follow-up action? *N/A*

INSPECTOR:

P. Davids

SIGNATURE:

[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.

