

INSPECTOR NOTE

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Suburb: SIR LOWRY'S PASS

Postal Code: 7133

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Inspector: LAUREN ALBERTS

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Comments:

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Subject: Re: CoGH SPCA: Horse in Sir Lowry's Pass - as discussed with Eugene - 8 July 2024:

INSP203149

Hi Team,

Please can you re-open and investigate the neglectful state that Simon continues to keep his horse in, here in Sir Lowry's Pass. This is, as you know, ongoing. The attached videos, photos and screenshot of a conversation between Simon and a guy who is trying to oversee the care of this poor young horse will show you how this horse is being treated and kept. Although I'm aware your argument will be "the horse LOOKS in good condition", I'm told his hooves are not being cared for and maintained, as you will hear in the attached video, the horse has no water available to him (evidence of in the attached video, you always want evidence, here it is) and in this immense heat that we've been having, it is even more cruel and unacceptable, he is surrounded by wire, note the photo with the scratches on his neck, as well as no grazing available through the day, as is evident on the photos attached.

On the 20th of December 2025, I personally stopped Simon at approx 18h10 and told him to get off the horse - as a family, we witnessed Simon riding the hell out of this poor horse (also previously reported to you), the horse is dripping with sweat (it was over 30 degrees still at this time of the afternoon), the horse was breathing extremely fast, I told Simon he is going to give this horse a heart attack! He did get off but who knows what happened after we left. The kids tie the horses head down while they get on the horses back (2-3 kids at a time) and they ride the daylights out of this poor animal. Come SPCA, this is what you are supposed to be standing for - the welfare of the animals, we as the public have no authority to do anything but you do and you can, but you don't. I know you guys do wonderful work, most of the time and see horrendous situations but you are dropping the ball for the life of this poor horse, that we have repeatedly reported to you.

The above is the same recurring pattern that we've been reporting to you as the SPCA since 2024. Please can you start taking the welfare of this horse seriously into consideration. The horse is lonely, kept completely alone - a horse is a herd animal, it wants to be with friends and have companionship, in addition and as a basic necessity, the animal should have clean fresh water and food available at all times, plus correct care of its needs (farrier, deworming, tick/fly control, shelter from the elements etc). This is a fail ON ALL ACCOUNTS.

In addition, you can see proof of Simon wanting to sell the horse (which we brought to your, Jaco/Eugene's, attention last year) - if someone pays for the horse, it will most certainly create a market for Simon to sell horses, allowing them to live in the same cruel and neglectful conditions as this chestnut has had to endure for 2yrs. As a very young 18mth colt when he first arrived in Sir Lowry's Pass.

PLEASE can you re-open the investigation and take heed to the information that we/I have consistently supplied to the SPCA. Please can you provide feedback. I am not sure who has stepped into Jaco's shoes (I read that he is no longer the chief inspector for Grassy Park SPCA) but would appreciate this email being escalated/directed accordingly.

Thank you.

Warm regards,
Monique

With everything in life, there should always be a give & take.
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