

Cape of Good Hope SPCA

Cape Town

Attention: The Inspectorate

By email: inspectorate@spca-ct.co.za

COMPLAINT: ALLEGED ANIMAL NEGLECT AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS AT 426, 2ND AVENUE, LOTUS RIVER

Dear Sir/ Madam

I wish to lodge a formal complaint regarding the welfare of two dogs kept at the above property, as well as the unsanitary conditions in which they are being kept.

It has been observed that 2 dogs are confined to the backyard area of the property and are never exercised. The yard is not being cleaned, with dog waste accumulating daily. This has resulted in unhygienic conditions, including persistent odour and potential health risks.

One of the dogs appears to be in a sickly condition, and no veterinary care appears to be provided. In terms of the Animal Protection Act 71 of 1962, Section 2(1), it is an offence to:

- ill-treat, neglect or abandon any animal;
- fail to provide adequate food, water, shelter or veterinary care; and
- keep an animal in conditions likely to cause suffering or harm.

The current circumstances suggest possible neglect and failure to provide proper care.

In addition, an elderly resident occupies a structure in the same backyard area, and their only source of ventilation opens directly onto this unsanitary space. The accumulation of animal waste presents a health concern and may constitute a nuisance in terms of applicable municipal by-laws and environmental health standards.

I respectfully request that an inspection be conducted as a matter of urgency to assess:

- The condition and welfare of the animals;
- Whether adequate care, including veterinary treatment, is being provided; and
- The sanitary condition of the premises.

Should non-compliance be found, I request that appropriate enforcement action be taken in accordance with the applicable legislation.

I would appreciate it if you would keep the source of the complaint confidential, due to concerns about possible retaliation against my father, who is the elderly resident on the property. Kindly keep me informed of any developments.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely
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