



DATE OF INSPECTION: 08 April 2026

INSPECTOR CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION: Elani Steenkamp

CURRENT WILDLIFE STAFF: Trevor Rodney, Damian van Rooyen, Dylan Adams, Sinalo Dyongwana and Siyabonga Dlomo

ACCESS GRANTED BY: Sinalo Dyongwana

HISTORY:

I have been requested by Management to conduct an internal inspection on the Wildlife Department according to the welfare standards, rules and regulations of the NSPCA and the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 and other relevant legislation to this department. In this document, I will report my findings to management and expect the relevant steps to be taken in accordance with the Code of Conduct and fix the issues as soon as possible. In addition, I will add relevant photographic evidence of everything I report in this document or you can follow the following path to see all relevant evidence, in this case 710 photos. (C:\CAPE OF GOOD HOPE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS\Inspectorate - Documents\INSPECTORATE\ANIMAL FACILITIES\5. ELANI\CAPE OF GOOD HOPE SPCA\WILDLIFE UNIT\PHOTOS 20260408). I will mention the concerns found in every section of the Wildlife Unit



ANIMALS PRESENT:

Adm #	Adm Date	Reason for admission	Species	Sex	Water	Food	Shelter	Cleanliness	Vet Check	Comments	Brought in by
A94556	20260330	Stray	Angulate Tortoise	F	yes	Grass	Yes	No	No record	Overgrown grass, tick infested	Damian
A94567	20260401	Stray	Angulate Tortoise	M	Yes	Grass	Yes	No	No record	Overgrown grass, tick infested	Damian
A94566	20260401	Stray	Angulate Tortoise	M	Yes	Grass	Yes	No	No record	Overgrown grass, tick infested	Damian
?	?	?	Angulate Tortoise	F	Yes	Grass	Yes	No	No record	Found dead by Elani on 20260408	?
A89574	20260407	Stray – cannot fly	Ring Neck Pigeon	?	?	?	?	?	No record	Found dead in cage on 20260408	Damian
A91390	20260331	Stray Cannot fly	Rock Kestrel	?	?	?	?	?	Unknown record, no date, no person	Released on 20260408	Dylan
A91389	20260331	Stray – cannot fly	Rock Kestrel	?	?	?	?	?	No Record	Released on 20260408	Dylan

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A93388	20260407	Stray - injured	Spotted Eagle Owl	?	Yes	2 mice	Yes		No record	Not eating, cannot fly, not seen by vet, no medical record	Vereniging sonder winsoogmerk Siyabonga Cnr 1st Avenue & 1st Road, Grassy Park, 7941 P O Box 3, Plumstead, 7801 Tel: 021 700 4140 Fax: 021 705 2127 enquiries@spca-ct.co.za www.capespca.co.za
A91395	20260402	Stray - MVA	Greater Kestrel	?	?	?	?	?	No record	Released on 20260408	Cannot read
?	?	?	Budgie	?	Yes	Contaminated food	Yes	Yes	?	In bird room upstairs	?
?	?	?	Chameleon	?	?	?	?	No	?	Found dead in gecko enclosure	?
?	?	?	Mouse	?	?	?	?	No	?	Found dead in gecko enclosure	?
?	?	?	Tarantula	?	?	?	?	No	?	Found dead in reptile room	?
?	?	?	Unknown bird	?	?	?	?	No	?	Found dead in large aviary	?
?	?	?	Hissing Cockroaches	?	?	?	?	No	?	Found dead in gecko aviary	?



FINDINGS

GENERAL – OUTSIDE

I found the outside area to be entirely cluttered with equipment that can be stored together, sold and cause hazardous material.

There were old wires, dirty enclosures/animal crates and carriers and unused equipment lying around. I also noticed that F10 footbaths and spray bottles were also dirty and limited. Overgrown grass, extensive leaf litter and rubbish were lying around.

Concerns:

- All animal crates and carriers need to be clean at all times and ready for use
- Fly traps to be incorporated
- Rodent control is needed
- Hazardous material should be fixed, removed or stored properly
- Unnecessary/ broken equipment should be removed, sold or replaced
- Clutter to be cleared
- Vegetation needs to be maintained as this causes parasitic conditions.
- F10 footbaths and bottles to be filled and checked daily and at each separate enclosure entrance to prevent cross contamination between movement of animals. This needs to be present especially at each entrance for each animal kept on site and can be changed as animals come in.

Photos:







TORTOISE ENCLOSURES

This was a highly concerning area to inspect and severely neglected. I asked Sinalo whether there are any tortoises present and she showed me two enclosures that contained two each according to sex. I first inspected the male tortoises. The grass was severely overgrown in this enclosure. Both male Angulate tortoises were infested with ticks and not identified. Previously we did this by placing the admission number on their shell with Tippex in order to identify them. The enclosures were not marked to identify which is male and which is female. I went to the female tortoise enclosure and found overgrown vegetation as well. The tortoises here were juvenile. They were also infested with ticks. I struggled to find the second one, but eventually I found her and discovered she was deceased. I asked Sinalo for the paperwork and realized there was only three admission papers available for the tortoises instead of four. One of the female admission forms were missing.

There were no records made that they were seen by a veterinarian or sprayed by Frontline for ticks. Due to the overgrown grass, I struggled to find the tortoises, this can pose a great risk as they can easily be stepped on and not be evaluated daily to see whether they are doing fine. This is also a breeding ground for ticks.

I also inspected the empty enclosures and found unhygienic conditions unliveable for any live animals. I found rubbish, leaf litter creating habitats for snakes and insects, overgrown vegetation and grass old faeces that has never been cleared.

Concerns:



Tortoises, notice ticks (Dead one not in shell and video available):







Enclosures:







OUTSIDE ENCLOSURES FOR MAMMALS

These enclosures are extremely neglected and not viable to use for any animal that needs to be rehabilitated. The visibility of the outside areas towards the Farm Unit are open and should be visibly closed to ensure the wild animals being kept here is in a calm environment. No form of footbaths or F10 bottles are visible upon entering these enclosures.

Enclosure 4:

This enclosure is used for storing animal crates, boxes traps and carriers. The enclosure is inaccessible due to the number of crates packed in this space. The outside area cannot be accessed and is overgrown. This area is meant to kept animals and not as a storage facility. Some of the animal crates and traps are still dirty and has not been cleaned after being used. There are also empty containers by the entrance that could be stored properly for future use and not left outside.

Enclosure 3:

A bag of old leaf litter and vegetation is still stored here and has not been thrown away causing parasitic conditions. The outside area of the enclosure has broken perches, weeds and is totally overgrown. Not ready to be used for any animal.

Enclosure 2:

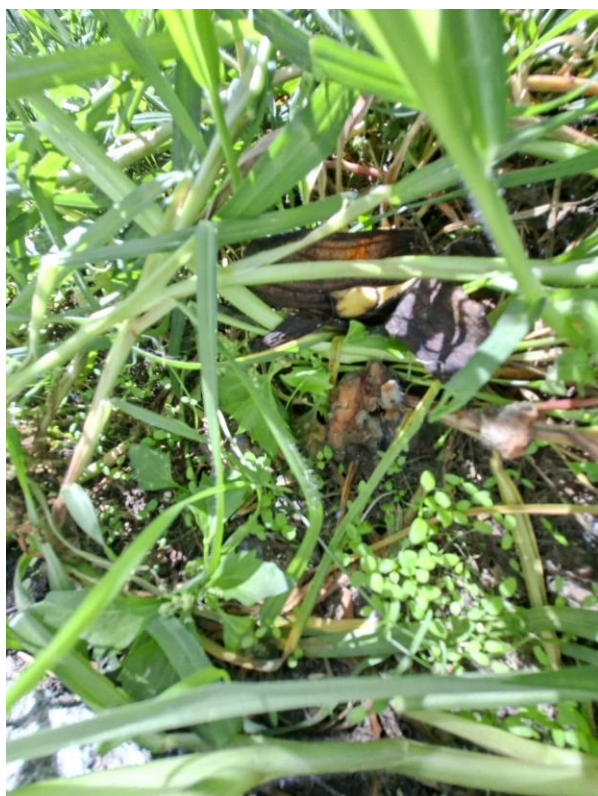
Wooden poles are lying outside not stored properly. Inside the outside area there is a wooden house against the wall for possibly monkeys. The wood is rotten and dilapidated. Inside this wooden house is a broken plank and an old bowl still inside making it unusable for animals kept here. The rope and inside the enclosure are dirty, old and needs to be replaced. There is also still old food inside this and holes in the roof. The vegetation and weeds are extremely overgrown. The environmental enrichment chain is also rusted.

Enclosure 1:

Hallway is dirty and had hazardous material. The lights do not work in this enclosure. The grass is overgrown in this enclosure. There were an extreme number of insects as I walked through this enclosure. The tyre and environmental enrichment are old and needs to be replaced. Old banana peels were found in this enclosure that has never been cleaned out.

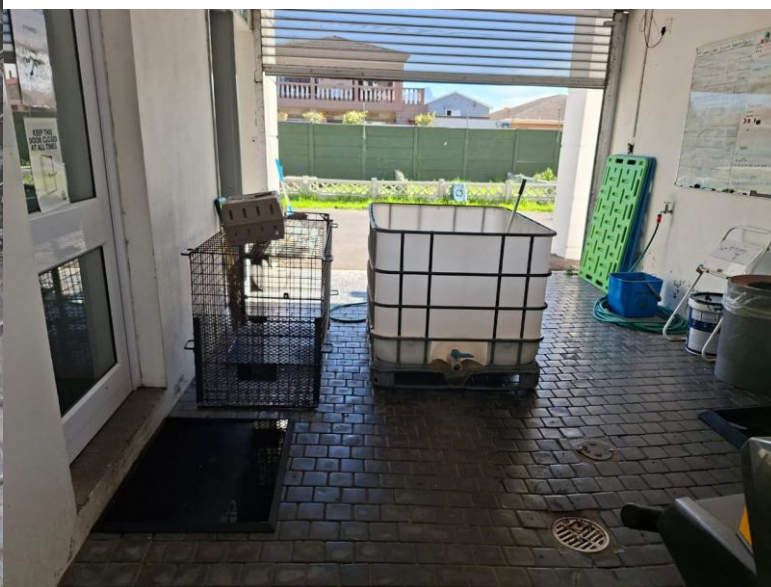
Solutions:

- Clear out each enclosure from hazardous material, broken enrichment, crates.
- Clear out all the overgrown vegetation and replace with grass and keep it short regularly
- Fix electricity
- Clean all enclosures from old foodstuffs, faeces, bowls etc.
- Treat enclosures with insecticide
- Replace environmental enrichment ropes and sticks with long lasting, easy to clean objects.
- Remove all wooden objects and replace it with easier to clean plastic, galvanized metal objects.



This area is cluttered with more Animal crates, the buggy, a large empty white container. This seems to be used as a dumping ground for everything as well. If objects are stored properly, it won't be destroyed by weather elements etc. Some of the unused objects can also be sold for funds. An empty fish tank with rocks and a pump inside was also observed stored outside. Dirty crates were observed, dirty bowls standing around. Things that should've been cleaned, thrown away and stored properly. There is also a trolley outside stacked with random objects that can be thrown away or used. I found a hamster cage that still had its blanket inside and never been cleaned. There are carrier doors and random parts of enclosures stacked in a crate. There was a box not thrown away after an animal was clearly brought in with this. Lots of objects that can be stored properly and checked if it can be thrown away or kept.

The white board is not updated. It seemed like there are only 4 tortoises and an owl present in the facility.





AVIARIES

The aviaries are left dirty and the largest one is totally contaminated that it should not be used until everything is rectified inside it.

Aviary 1:

A Spotted eagle owl was found inside with a bowl of water, lights off. He was fed two mice which he did not touch. This owl cannot fly and there are no records on the owl being seen by a veterinarian. Limited environmental enrichment available. There is a wooden house against the wall which is almost impossible to clean as it is wooden and so high up. Old faeces and dirt were observed inside. There is no perching inside which would make it comfortable for a raptor to rest inside.

Three aviaries were empty (probably released birds) but left full of faeces and liquid. It smelled and was clearly not cleaned daily. This is hazardous and should be cleaned properly and immediately. Aviary 3's light cannot be switched on and off. The lights should be turned on during the day and switched off during the evenings. Not one aviary's light was switched on.

The only shelter available was an old wooden box that causes parasitic conditions and cannot be cleaned properly for long term use. It was dirty and soaked. Most of the shelters were placed on the ground with no perching space. These wild animals do not have access to proper hiding spaces. There was one "clean" aviary with a wooden log on the ground. When I lifted it up, there was dirt and faeces underneath. This means that everything is being cleaned around and not under, inside etc.

The last largest aviary:

This is the most concerning aviary of all. I saw that this aviary is enlarged with two old tortoise enclosures with vegetation. These parts are extremely difficult to access, either climbing over the walls (which I did) or entering through small gates from the outside (which are locked by locks). As soon as I climbed over the first wall, I knew I was going to find major cleanliness issues.

The two camps with grass was overgrown with weeds and vegetation. I decided to lift the grass that grew into the drainage pipe and found dark, disgusting old faeces and dirt that should have been washed out but couldn't because of the grass growing into it.

It is impossible to see any matter because of the height of the grass.

When I climbed over to the last enclosure, I noticed similar issues and also noticed heaps of feathers on the grass. Old animal matter that was not cleaned. When I lifted the one feather patch, I was disgusted to find a spinal cord of an animal attached to it. I realized that a bird died here, was left there, and not noticed or disposed of.

This is extremely sad and unacceptable.

The netting is also a concern as I see that there is a possibility of birds being able to get stuck between the saddlecloth and wire as there are holes in the netting/places to enter in between the nets.

Old bowls were found inside the enclosure.

Spiders were found in the enclosures.

Solutions:

- Clean daily and properly.



- Replace wooden enclosures and other enclosures to durable easy to clean bird friendly enclosures.
- Replace environmental enrichment perches with durable ones and provide more in each aviary.
- Electricity should be fixed
- Wiring was found hanging from the wall and should be removed.
- Lights should be switched on during day and switched off during the night.
- Footbaths and F10 should be used at each entrance of the aviaries.
- Cease using the last aviary until it is properly fixed:
 - This enclosure is hazardous in so many ways.
 - Dead animals were found inside
 - Drainage cannot be cleaned
 - Grass and vegetation should be upkeep/ removed/replaced with suitable flooring.
 - Netting is a hazard and needs to be attached properly/ on the outside/ removed.
 - The back part is inaccessible to maintain vegetation, cleanliness and proper checks on animals kept here.





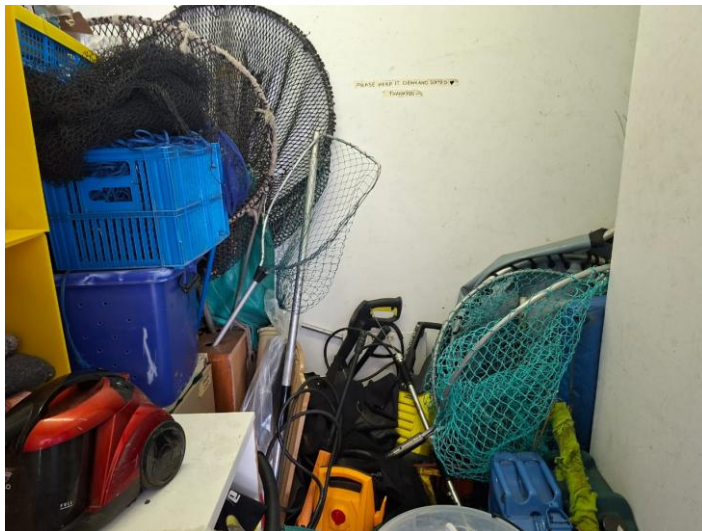
EQUIPMENT ROOM

The equipment room was extremely cluttered and most of the equipment was inaccessible because of this. Labels were placed on some of the drawers but incorrectly.

If an emergency should happen, this room is extremely important to just grab the right item and go. I was also unsure what works and what doesn't. Because of the clutter, this room is also extremely dirty.

Solutions:

- To organize, label and store all equipment properly and clean room once a week.
- Keep an inventory of everything stored here.





BIRD ROOM - DOWNSTAIRS

This room did not contain any animals at the time of my inspection. This area was cluttered with excess and donated cages. There is also a metal cage in the room with multiple enclosures. This is also the room where the safe is that the Euthanaze is stored in.

Concerns:

- Rusty old cages (can cause breathing issues in birds) were stored here
- Clutter consisting of cages, containers and objects are lying everywhere.
- There is a large machine stored here, I assume it's a sonar. Unsure if it is being used but can be sold to raise lots of funds for the facility.
- Cupboard is disorganized with important items and junk.
- Old used syringes are lying in the cupboard possibly used for euthanasia. Can be thrown away or kept in an F10 container.
- There is also a taxidermy fish kept in the cupboard that can be thrown away causing parasitic conditions.
- Mice faeces found in cupboard as there are foodstuffs kept inside right next to the euthanise safe.





KITCHEN

The kitchen appears to be clean at first glance, but issues were found that is concerning.

Concerns:

- Food are stored everywhere in cupboards and containers.
- Most food is contaminated by being left open, and containing live mites.
- Most food are expired.
- Several packets of food have been found being eaten through by mice.
- Food is mixed with different types of food, no organization at all according to species.
- Bucket of medicines lying on table with access to all
- Some of the F10 products have expired.
- Admission records were found with incomplete information and not filed for example a Chacma Baboon (G46481)
- Captive bolt bullets were lying around.
- Keys were lying around, unsure for what it can be.
- Paperwork is mixed (Vehicle Checklists, Admission forms old and new) and not filed or labelled as to what it is.
- Cupboards with extra bowls for feeding or drinking were found to be infested with mouse faeces, entirely contaminated in storage and unorganized.
- There is a massive mouse infestation issue in the kitchen.
- Various buckets and containers were found storing food for different species and almost all were contaminated by either mouse faeces, mites or both.
- The kitchen bin and food bin are kept next to each other.
- Expired medication like Inflacam were kept in the fridge alongside an open packet of fresh carrots. Food and medication should be stored in different fridges.
- The fridge needs to be defrosted as I could not open the freezer compartment due to an excessive amount of ice.
- An old open jug of what seems to be oil was kept in the fridge.
- Samples for pathology from dead animals were kept in this fridge alongside food and medication allowing cross contamination or being tampered with as everyone can access this fridge.
- The deep freeze next to the fridge was inaccessible with containers stacked on top of it.
- When the deep freezer was opened, I found open bags of frozen mice and chicks (food for the animals) being stored alongside dead/ euthanized animals including pigeons, tortoises etc. Dead animals and food for animals should be stored separately due to cross contamination. This freezer is even marked with "Frozen Animal Feed Only"
- No feeding schedules were visible for animals.
- The white board is extremely confusing on what still needs to be done and what not as there are still dates from the year 2024 on it.







CLINIC AREA

This is the room where autopsies and veterinary procedures takes place. This space was extremely dirty, cluttered and unsanitary.

Concerns:

- Taxidermy seal needs to be thrown away
- Hole in roof needs to be repaired as there are mice
- Examination table was dirty and had a toolbox with paraphernalia inside on it.
- Cluttered and all kinds of objects lying round, no place for it.
- Medical products such as the Formalin Kyrion is expired and still being used.
- Samples, books, stationary and medical samples are cluttered on a table that is full of dirt. Doesn't look like this room has been kept clean and organized in a long time.
- The medical bin available is filled to the brim.
- The surgical blades have expired in 2018
- Random bowls, pressure sprayer, metal racks, bowls and extra rubber mats are stored in this room.
- No inventory list seen of what medicines are kept and what case animals are stored in the freezers.
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- Everyone has access to this room where evidence is being kept in deep freezers and medication are accessible. This room should be locked as anything can be tampered with.







SPACE UNDER STAIRS

Concerns:

- This is a dumping ground old scales, empty water bottles, old brooms, buckets, a dirty teddy, boxes, a bin, bags etc. This space can be used much wiser.





OLD SEAL ENCLOSURE

This room is unfinished and serves no purpose at the moment.





ARCHIVE ROOM

This room is extremely cluttered and dirty.

Concerns:

- Random stuff re stored in this room. Due to this, the cupboards to the archives are difficult to access.
- The roof needs to be repaired with holes in it.
- A fish tank with water inside was visible. There was no pump or filter running. The water is stagnant and the pump is being destroyed like this. There is no cover on the tank contaminating the water further.
- Fish food were kept next to it, exposed and contaminated to the elements. This food was also infested with mites and mouse faces because it is open.
- Clutter needs to be cleared out, organized or sold for funds.
- The cupboards are labelled incorrectly.
- There are archives old enough to be destroyed.
- The cupboard for the first aid box is a dumping place for random objects that can be sold or thrown away.
- The filing cupboard has lots of files that are not filed properly and admission forms still on clipboards.
- The filing cupboard had expired fish food inside.



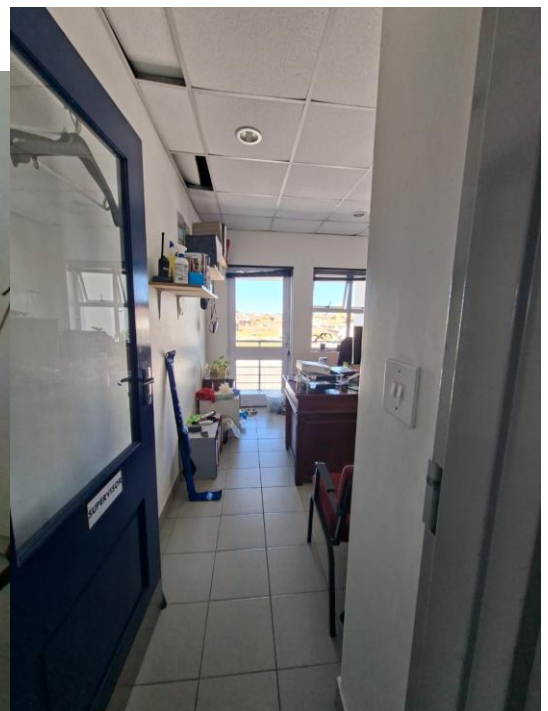
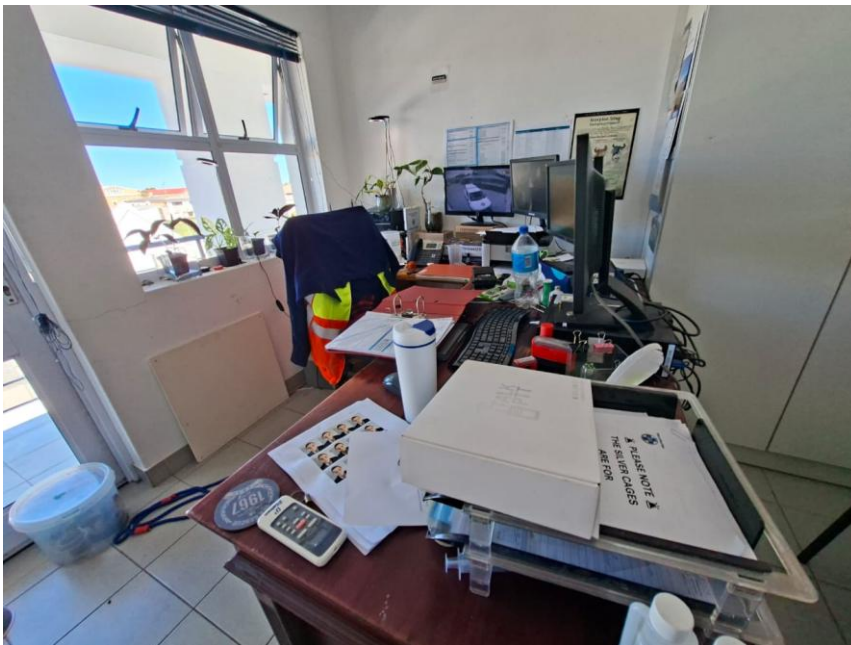


SUPERVISOR/MANAGER ROOM

Upon entering, the office seems extremely cluttered and disorganized with lots of different objects kept in here that can be stored properly.

Concerns:

- Animal food were kept on a chair in the office and not stored.
- Filing and paperwork is everywhere, not labelled or filed.
- The roof needs to be repaired, has holes.
- Animal food, animal bowls, paperwork and equipment were kept in the cupboard. It is totally disorganized.
- The office was not locked giving anyone access to keys kept in the cupboard or important confidential files kept in here.
- ID photos of a previous employee named Minette Pieterse were even found on the desk.
- Syringes, bowls of water. Paraphernalia were all over the office.





GENERAL AREA UPSTAIRS

This area is also cluttered and disorganized especially when opening the cupboards.

Concerns:

- Bird food and supplements are all expired (kept above sink)
- Open bags of bird food are kept in cupboards, contaminated by mites and mice faeces.
- Fish tank accessories are stored on the table by the sink.
- Fish food stored in cupboards are expired.
- Iguana food stored under sink is also expired.
- Open bags of bird food are still stored under this sink cupboard.
- Old dirty containers are found in the cupboards.
- Cupboard below sink contains more bags of expired food.
- The cupboard is mouldy and dirty in need of cleaning.
- Mice faeces are visible even in empty drawers.
- Spiders are also living in and around the cupboards.
- A large glass container is kept under the sink containing old soil. The soil is also spilled over at the back of this container. It seems it has never been cleaned here after an animal was kept in this container.
- Other cupboards contained open, expired, contaminated food.
- An entire cupboard that can be used for storage are filled with books that can be sold for funds.



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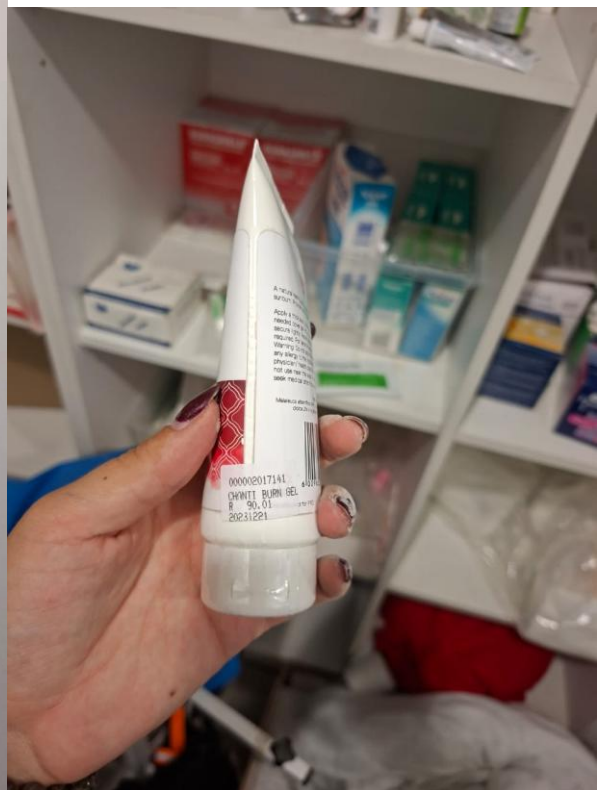
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FIRST AID ROOM

The first aid room is a massive space that can be used well for storage, maybe a secure medicine room or food storage room. However, it was filled with donated first aid products of which all have been expired. Cleaning equipment was stored in this room. Lots of random boxes and containers were stored here, making it yet again a storage space of some sort.





BIRD ROOM - UPSTAIRS

One budgie was kept in this room at the time of my inspection.

The budgie had access to clean water.

Concerns:

- Upon closer inspection, the calcium block was an old, used piece. This can cause cross contamination.
- I asked Sinalo what the budgie is being fed and she showed me three buckets labelled with different types of food. After opening each bucket containing food, all of them were contaminated and had the presence of mites.
- When looking at the budgie's food, I realized this was the exact food that was given to the budgie. Contaminated food which is unacceptable. I immediately asked for the food to be replaced with fresh food. The food was left inside the cage and was not changed during my time of inspection.
- Environmental enrichment inside the bird cages were old, worn out, used and needs to be replaced.
- Wooden or porous objects cannot be disinfected properly.
- The cupboard was more organized but only had old worn-down environmental enrichment products available to the birds.







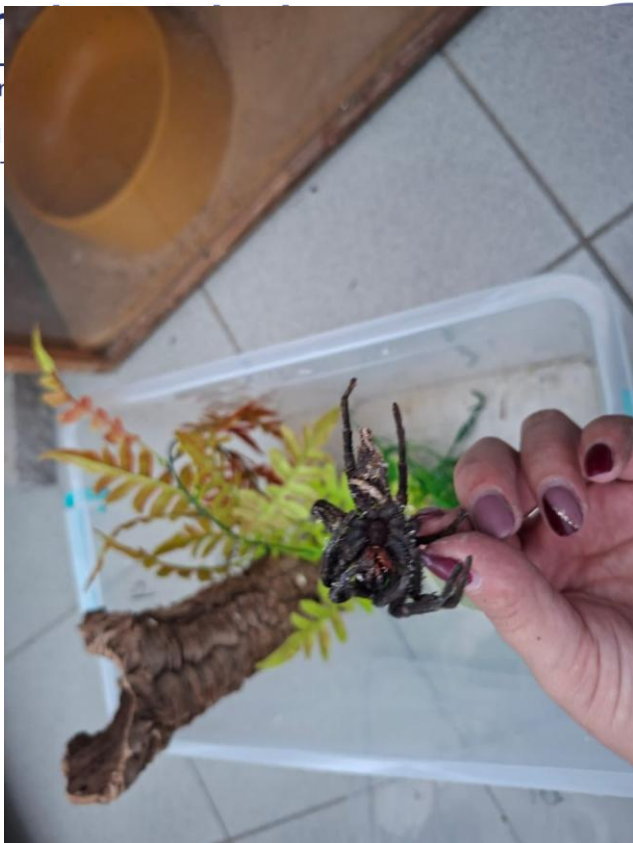
REPTILE ROOM

This area was also cluttered and very unhygienic.

Concerns:

- Newspaper and accessories for snakes left inside enclosures.
- One glass enclosure still contained soil and old water bowl and seemed to never have been cleaned and just left like this after the animal was removed.
- The snake tong is old and rusted.
- Another snake enclosure was also left with soil and a snake shedding skin still inside. This cause extremely parasitic conditions.
- I spotted a plastic container with accessories inside. When opened, I found aa dead tarantula inside, forgotten about. This is extremely sad.
- A large wooden snake enclosure still had sand and old bowls inside. I was unable to open it as there were multiple heavy equipment stored on top of it, making it inaccessible to clean, use or inspect.
- Lots of stuff were stored and disorganized all over this room.
- The roof is also broken and seems mouldy.
- I do not approve of natural, porous substrates being used like wood and soil unless it can be confirmed that it is replaced regularly which I doubt it is.
- Inside the cupboard, I found more clutter including old wood shaving bedding littered and contaminated with mice faeces.
- This room is unhygienic and poorly maintained.
- Multiple button spiders were present inside the closet.
- Expired bedding and litter were found open and contaminated.





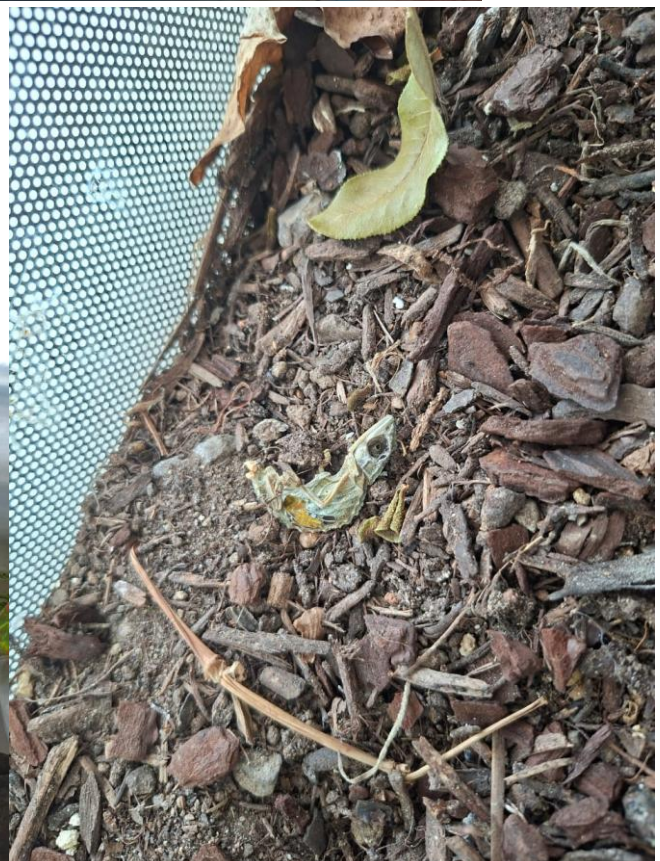


OLD GECKO ROOM

This area is also cluttered with travel crated, broken furniture, cages and old gecko enclosures. Because of each container still containing matter, I decided to inspect each and every container to ensure it was cleaned and each animal was removed.

Concerns:

- Even though no animals were admitted here, all the gecko enclosures were never cleaned from old soil, debris and plants since the animals left. This is unacceptable.
- Old faeces were still present inside these containers.
- Mouse faeces was present inside the travelling crates stored here.
- An old Animal Welfare Check Clinic Sheet was still present on a travel crate and not attached to original paperwork.
- The bird cage was also dirty with old food present.
- Old blankets were present in travelling crate, unsure if cleaned.
- Old mealworm containers were still present containing dead invertebrates as if they were forgotten about and left to die. This was not cleaned or thrown away.
- A glass container was not cleaned. I found dead hissing cockroaches inside. I also found a skeleton of a chameleon inside. This is unacceptable as this animal was probably admitted and forgotten about and died.
- Broken furniture is kept here.
- All glass containers were left dirty and uncleaned. Old water bowls still left inside with old animal matter. This is a habitat for pests and parasites.
- Upon opening a glass container kept on the top shelves, a pungent smell of death caught my attention. I discovered a decomposing mouse inside this container.
- This entire room was dirty and not ready to house any animal.





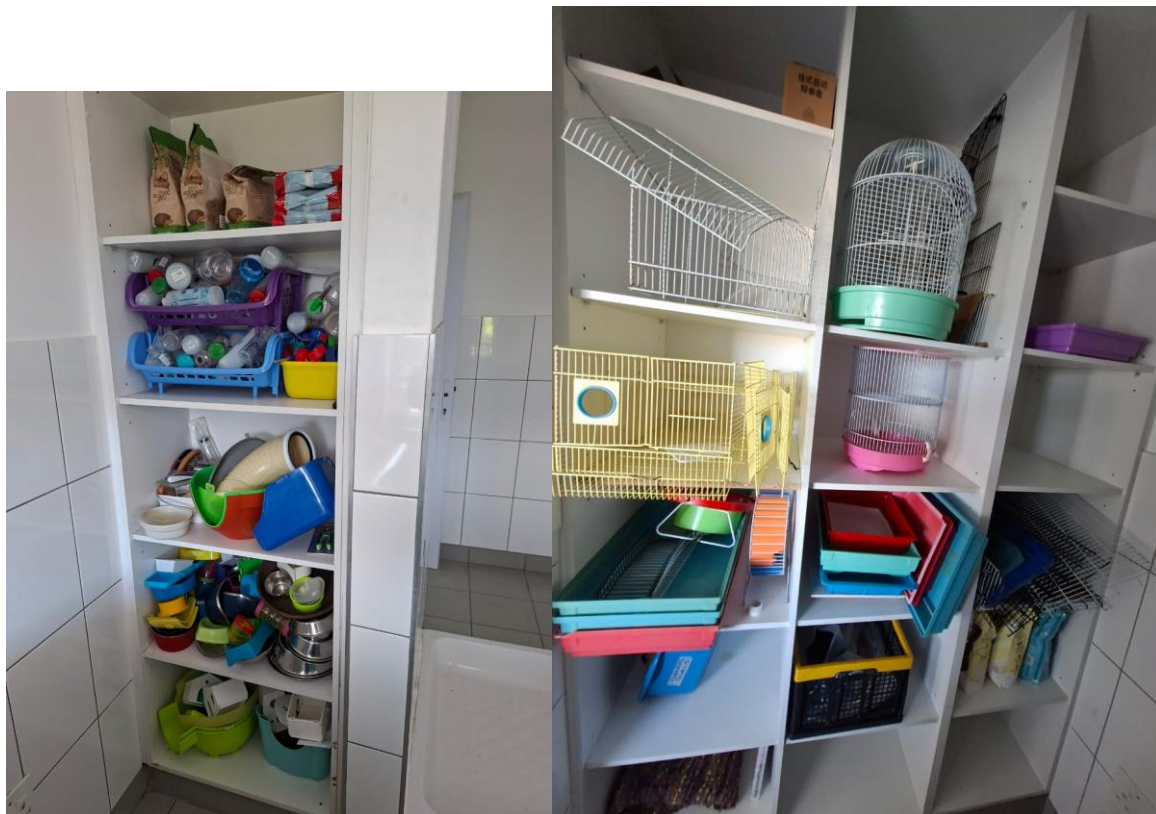


GUINEA PIG/HAMSTER/RODENT ROOM/ QUARANTINE ROOM

This room was one of the cleanest as it looks like it hasn't been used in a long time.

Concerns:

- White board present upon entering with outdated information.
- All food kept here was either open, expired or infested mites.
- The cupboard in the kitchen area is cluttered with accessories.
- Storage containers and travel crates are empty and stored here as well.
- Food containers were present containing old, contaminated food, even though no animals are kept here.
- Dirty cages were present, never cleaned properly.
- Expired litter was found.
- Cluttered storage area.





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DOCUMENTATION

Cape Nature Permit

Expiry date: 20/07/2026

License Number: CN8-87-33966

to Keep wild animals in captivity for rehabilitation purposes including Amphibians, Birds, Invertebrates, Mammals and Reptiles.

Concerns:

- I do not see any mentioned of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA being able to rehabilitate fish. I was informed of three cases where fish were confiscated in large amounts and died in our care. This is a massive concern. We cannot cause more suffering to animals if we do not have the facilities and equipment to house fish in the first place. According to the permit, we are also not allowed to rehabilitate fish. In this case, Cape Nature and the NSPCA should have been contacted for advice/ the fish should have been humanely euthanized.
- Transportation of animals should be in compliance with SABS0331, SANS10379:2005, Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 and IATA specifications. I suggest we get a hold of all of these documents and ensure compliance. I doubt we are sufficiently transporting wildlife and need to be trained in accordance.
- Admission forms are not complete/ missing
- Admission forms are not filed properly
- Filing systems are in disarray

Western Cape Province
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**PERMIT TO
KEEP WILD ANIMALS IN CAPTIVITY FOR REHABILITATION PURPOSES**
Issued in terms of the provisions of the Nature Conservation Ordinance (2014, 2015 & 2016) (Ordinance 20, 21, 22 & 23 of 2014)

HOLDER

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In terms of the provisions of the aforementioned Ordinance and the Regulations thereunder, the holder of this permit is hereby authorized to keep in temporary captivity at the address mentioned below and to collect, transport and release the wild animals specified herein for rehabilitation purposes, within the areas mentioned only in the collection table (see permit). See also the provisions of the aforementioned Ordinance and the Regulations thereunder.

DETAILS

Permit / License No.:	CN8-87-33966	Stamp:	
Expiry Date:	20/07/2026		
Date Issued:	21/07/2025		
Amount Paid:	R 1,00		
Refundable:	No Change		
File Code:	100000		

DESCRIPTION

Organization:	Cape of Good Hope SPCA
Full Name:	Mr. M. M. Nkomo (CEO)
Identity Number:	201001-0000-00
Postal Address:	Cnr 1st Ave & 1st Road
City / Town:	Grassy Park
Province / State:	Western Cape
Country:	South Africa
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SPECIES (SCIENTIFIC NAME)

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Amphibians (Amphibia)	0	See special condition 5 for quantity
Birds (Birds)	0	See special condition 5 for quantity
Invertebrates (Invertebrates)	0	See special condition 5 for quantity
Mammals (Mammals)	0	See special condition 5 for quantity
Reptiles (Reptiles)	0	See special condition 5 for quantity
Other (Other)	0	See special condition 5 for quantity



VEHICLE: MILKY – CAA 549-121

As I finished the inspection, Siyabonga arrived with the vehicle from the road. I decided to do a spot check on the vehicle. I asked him to open the back for me to inspect the conditions.

Concerns:

- The back of the bakkie is cluttered and unorganized with equipment, carriers and blankets.
- Inspecting each travel crate, I found each one to be not cleaned after use, still containing old paper, old blankets and smelling.
- One cat carrier had a blanket inside containing bird faecal matter and was never cleaned.
- Sand was present on the flooring of the back of the bakkie.
- A bucket with blankets were opened and found to be smelling and dirty.
- The seal hook was found inside the bakkie. When asking staff whether they know how to use it, all of them said they did not even though it is inside the bakkie.
- The seal hook is rusted.
- The venomous snake container was also found dirty and not cleaned.
- The large metal travel crate was difficult to access due to clutter and when opened was used as storage and had a dirty blanket inside, never cleaned after use.





STAFF

I believe the staff are mostly untrained and not well experienced or trained when it comes to knowledge, let alone husbandry of wildlife.

I also believe for the amount of people working in this department, it is unfathomable that the entire Unit is in the unhygienic, disorganized state I found it in.

I am personally not sure what all of the staff members do with their time during the day as there are more than enough staff members to sort this place out.

The duties of each staff member were also not clear to me. I am sure if each person is assigned specific duties that the unit can become clean and useful again.

I also believe money is being wasted on the amount of staff members for the amount of work that is actually needed. Maybe if duties were spread evenly, the facility might run smoother.



PEST CONTROL

There is no form of pest control in place, in fact the entire unit is infested with pests ranging from insects, spiders, ticks, mice and mites. This is a major concern.

No fly traps were observed anywhere.

Mouse traps were present but not being used.

Ticks were present on all of the tortoises and I believe the dead one could have died because of this reason as there were still ticks present on her.

The overgrown vegetation causes all sorts of flying and non-flying insects to inhabit the enclosures.

Mites are present in most of the food kept on site.

I think if this facility was cleaned properly, food stored properly and well maintained all of these issues would be easily resolved.

I have experience in getting a food room clean and rat free in the past. I also managed to get the entire facility rat free. It takes time but is possible.



FOOD

I can safely say all of the food are contaminated either by mites, mice, mould or kept with dead animals or with medicine. This is extremely hazardous.

CONCLUSION

I was shocked by the conditions this facility is in. I believe all animals admitted to this facility is severely compromised and neglected. This was proven by finding multiple carcasses. I believe this facility is not fit to house any animal and should be shut down as soon as it can be restored to optimal conditions.

I was horrified to hear that we confiscated fish and all of them died in our care.

I am horrified to admit that the animals that are admitted into this facility, unfortunately faces a worse fate than they would have had in nature or at other facilities.

This is the Society for the **PREVENTION** of cruelty to animals and I am afraid that this facility causes more cruelty to animals.

According to the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 I can prosecute this facility easily under Section 2(1)(a); 2(1)(b), 2(1)(c), 2(1)(e); 2(1)(p), 2(1)(q), 2(1)(r) and 2(2).

The NSPCA can easily give us a 30-day letter for the state this facility is in and the entire Cape of Good Hope SPCA will suffer the consequences.

Cape Nature can easily revoke their permit permanently and give us a hefty fine if they discover the findings.