



National Council of SPCA's

Animal Welfare Checklist

Cattle - Dairy

Company: Botrivier far
Owner: Mr. Albertyn
Physical Address: Karwyderskraal Rd and Swartrivier Rd, Botrivier
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GPS Co-ordinates: P589 + W4 Bot Rivier

Directions: Farm can be seen from
Karwyderskraal Rd and Swartrivier farm. Its
on the corner of where these 2 roads meet.

Date 21/7/2026

Time arrived 10:30am

Time departed 11:55am

		Satisfactory		Comments
		Yes	No	
1.	Initial observations			
1.1	Are emergency contacts available on entry to the property?			Not observed
1.2	Are personnel properly trained to handle cattle?			Personnel was busy with feed etc, not observed
1.3	Is there a Disaster Management Plan in place?			Not observed
1.4	Are personnel familiar with disaster plans?			Not observed
2	Calves			
2.1	Pens/shelter			
2.1.1	Are pens/shelters constructed to avoid injuries to calves?	✓		
2.1.2	Are pens/shelters draught free and provide adequate protection against inclement weather?	✓		
2.1.3	Does the size of the pen/shelter allow calves to stand, lie down and turn around?	✓		
2.1.4	Is bedding provided?			
2.1.5	How often are pens cleaned?	-----	-----	Not observed
2.1.6	Are pens thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to housing new born calf?			Not observed
2.1.7	Is flooring constructed and maintained to avoid any injuries to calves?			Concrete floor in cubicles with a gate, beyond that is gravel, soil & grass.
2.1.8	Are calves housed individually?			They were in a group at the time of inspection
2.1.9	Are calf pens arranged so that calves can see and hear each other?		X	
2.1.10	Are calves housed in a group?	✓		

Owner was not present to ask relevant questions

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2.1.11	Are calves housed indoors and if so does lighting allow for animals to be inspected?		X	Was Outside in Pers time of Inspection.
2.1.12	Is lighting too bright as to cause discomfort to animals?			N/A
2.1.13	How long does lighting remain on?	-----	-----	N/A
2.1.14	Is ventilation sufficient to remove toxic gases and dust?	✓		Outside
2.1.15	Does ventilation maintain airflow without causing draughts?			outside next to building
2.1.16	Are calves tethered or chained?		X	
2.2 Food/water				
2.2.1	At what age are calves taken from the mother?	-----	-----	Owner not present to answer questions
2.2.2	For how long after birth are calves fed colostrum?	-----	-----	"
2.2.3	In how many feeds is colostrum administered?	-----	-----	"
2.2.4	If suckling is not possible how much colostrum is given to calves via a stomach tube and in how many feeds?	-----	-----	"
2.2.5	Are calves bucket fed?	✓		There was feed bins with concentrates
2.2.6	Are buckets clean?	✓		
2.2.7	Are calves bottle fed?			Not sure
2.2.8	Are bottles and teats clean?			Not sure
2.2.9	Are calves given milk substitute?			Not sure
2.2.10	Are calves given cow's milk?			Not sure
2.2.11	How many times a day are calves given milk?			Not sure
2.2.11	How much milk is given per feed?	-----	-----	Not sure
2.2.13	At what age are calves given concentrates?			Not sure

with a covering

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2.2.14	At what age are calves provided with water?			Not Sure
2.2.15	Is roughage provided?	✓		
2.2.16	If calves are in groups is there a system in place to ensure that they are all able to drink at the same time?			Not Sure
2.2.17	Is milk fed warm or cold?	-----	-----	Not sure
3	Adult cattle			
	Food / water			
3.1	Is grazing available	✓		
3.2	Are cattle provided with a suitable diet?	✓		
3.3	Are supplements and licks provided?	✓		
3.4	Is water freely available to cattle?	✓		
3.5	Is water provided?	✓		
3.6	Are troughs/containers clean?	✓		
3.7	Are troughs/containers situated so that smallest animal can drink?	✓		
3.8	Are troughs situated to prevent faecal soiling?	✓		
3.9	Can all cattle drink at once?	✓		Perhaps not at the same self water feeder but there were various on multiple ones
3.10	Is any shade or shelter provided for adult cattle?	✓		Natural shelter - Trees
3.11	Are shelters designed to avoid injury to cattle?			N/A
3.12	Does shelter provide protection against inclement weather?		X	Not against cold
4	Milking			
4.1	At what times are cows milked?			am pm Not Sure
4.2	Do cows have access to food whilst waiting to be milked?			Not Sure
4.3	Do cows have access to water whilst waiting to be milked?			Not Sure
4.4	Do cows have access to shelter whilst waiting to be milked?			Not Sure

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4.5	Are cows handled humanely during milking process?			Not Sure
4.6	Is milk checked to ensure mastitis is not present?			Not Sure
4.7	How are udders cleaned prior to milking?			Not Sure
4.8	How are udders cleaned after milking?			Not Sure
4.9	Are all quarters milked thoroughly?			Not Sure
4.10	What type of equipment is used?	-----	-----	Not Sure, Not Observed
4.11	Is equipment well maintained?			Not Sure
4.12	Are nipples well maintained?			Not Sure Nipples looked ok
4.13	Is floor non slip?			Not Sure
4.14	Are lactating cows milked prior to removal for transportation or sale?			Not Sure
5	Health			
5.1	Are routine inoculations and parasite control administered?			Worker said they do administer.
5.2	Are personnel involved in the administration of medicines competent to do so?			Personnel involved, not sure if competent, not observed.
5.3	Are cattle checked daily for sickness/injury?			Not Sure
5.4	Are sick/injured cattle isolated and treated promptly?			Yes, 3 cattle Isolated
5.6	Are isolation facilities available?			The camp was 200m away from other cattle.
5.7	Do isolation facilities provide food, water and shelter?	✓		Shelter as in trees
5.8	What is the mortality rate?	*	*	Not Sure
5.9	Are mortalities removed promptly?			Not Sure
5.10	Is emergency slaughter performed where necessary?			Describe method Not Sure

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6	Handling			
6.1	Are personnel trained to handle livestock?			Not observed
6.2	Is suitable handling equipment available?			Not sure
6.3	Are cattle left unattended in crushes or any other restraining equipment?		X	
6.4	Are cattle handled humanely?			Not observed
6.5	Is an electric prodder used?			Not observed
6.6	If electric prodders are used are they applied to face, anal or genital areas?			N/A
7	Surgical / Routine Procedures			
7.1	Under whose instruction are surgical procedures performed?	*	*	As per the owner telephonically they rely on Dr. Lettice.
7.2	Is castration performed?			Not sure
7.3	What type of castration is used?			Not sure
7.4	Is tail docking performed?			Not observed
7.5	Are nose rings used on bulls?		X	
7.6	Are nose rings smooth and well fitting?			N/A
7.7	How long are cows in difficult birth left before help is sought?			Not sure
7.8	Is calving induced and if so by whom?			"
7.9	How often are cows checked after being induced?			"
7.10	How often are hooves checked?			"
7.11	Is disbudding performed and if so by whom?			"
7.12	For which routine procedures are anti-inflammatory or pain killers used?			The 3 isolated cattle are allegedly on Rimadyl.

Veterinary Details:-

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General comments:

Owner not present to answer questions, Mrs. Albrtyn
did call while we were inspecting but did not
offer much information. Please Report done regarding
this and more.

Warning issued? No

Photos taken? Yes

Manager / Responsible person (Name & surname) Not present

Signature : _____

Inspector (Name & surname) : Mark Syce office