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Cape Of Good Hope SPCA
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WESTERN CAPE****FEEDBACK WARNING NOTICES ISSUED BY SPCA DURING VISIT ON
2026-09-15 & 16 at K9 CAPE TOWN.**

1. Herewith feedback regarding the SPCA (Cape of Good Hope) visit on 15&16 September 2026 at K9 Cape Town.

Warning notice numbers 15184 to 15187 has bearing on this feedback report:

1.1 Notice #15184:**1(A) – B8637 Razor:**

A trained male Mallinois, 1 year 7 months old. Razor was taken to Wingfield Animal Health Centre for observation on 2026-09-21. See attached medical sheet.

1(B) – B8640 Drago:

A trained male Mallinois, 1 year 7 months old. Drago was taken to Wingfield Animal Health Centre for observation on 2026-09-21. See attached medical sheet.

1(C) – SK06/2026 Ronan:

Ronan is a male Mallinois donation dog, 1 year 6 months old. The dog is scheduled to be transported to Roodeplaat Veterinary Hospital on 2026-10-08 for suitably and medical tests.

1(D) – SK08/2026 Roy:

Roy is a male Mallinois donation dog, 1 year 6 months old. The dog is scheduled to be transported to Roodeplaat Veterinary Hospital 2026-10-08 for suitably and medical tests.

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1.2 Notice#15185:

1(E) – SK04/2026 Rogue:

Rogue is a female Dutch shepherd donation dog, 1 year 10 months old. An appointment at Wingfield Animal Health Centre has been scheduled for 28 September 2026 for evaluation. The dog is scheduled to be transported to Roodeplaat Veterinary Hospital on 2026-10-08 for suitability and medical tests. Veterinary report will follow.

1(F) – SK05/2026 Mica:

Mica is a female German shepherd donation dog, 10 months old. An appointment at Wingfield Animal Health Centre has been scheduled for 28 September 2026 for consultation. Veterinary report will follow.

1(G) – SK01/2026 Kudjo:

Kudjo is a male Rottweiler donation dog, 2 years 3 months old. The dog is scheduled to be transported to Roodeplaat Veterinary Hospital for suitability and medical tests on 2026-10-08. No abnormal behaviour detected with Kudjo. Veterinary report will follow regarding x-rays should he pass the suitability assessment.

1(H) – SK07/2026 Ace:

Ace is a male Mallinois donation dog, 1 year 6 months old. The dog is scheduled to be transported to Roodeplaat Veterinary Hospital for suitability and medical tests on 2026-10-08. Veterinary report will follow.

1(I) – B7449 Architta:

Architta is a trained female X-shepherd, 8 years 10 months old. No abnormal behaviour detected. She is due for her 8-year plus medical evaluation at Roodeplaat Veterinary Hospital where x-rays will be taken. She is diagnosed with possible spondylosis (to be confirmed with x-rays). She was placed on chronic medication for her suspected condition and reacts well to the medication. Architta will be transported to Roodeplaat on 2026-10-08 for x-rays. Veterinary report will follow.

1.3 Notice#15186:

1(J) – B8308 Evan:

Evan is a trained male Belgian shepherd dog, 4 years 11 months old. An appointment at Wingfield Animal Health Centre has been scheduled for 30 September 2026 for evaluation. Veterinary report will follow.

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1(K) – B6966 Ice:

Ice is a trained female Belgian shepherd dog, 9 years 8 months old. No abnormal behaviour detected other than old age and previous ailments treated by Wingfield Animal Health Centre. An appointment at Wingfield Animal Health Centre has been scheduled for 30 September 2026 for evaluation. Veterinary report will follow.

2. – Dip tank: Emptying of dip tank:

The emptying and replenishment of the dip tank are guided by the **SAPS Veterinary Directives 5 of 2025, Sub-Article 5.3 – Frequency of Emptying and Replenishment.**

The frequency of emptying the dip tank is determined by the following factors:

- a) The amount of organic material causing contamination of the dip tank solution.
- b) Muddy / dirty dip mixture.
- c) Bad smelling dip mixture.
- d) The number of dogs per Unit.

SAPS K9 Units makes use of Bayticol dip which is a very expensive product and dogs need to be dipped correctly to ensure minimal wastage of the dip solution.

As a result dogs are not permitted to run freely between the kennels and must be kept on a leash whenever they are taken out of their kennels to be dipped.

3. – Water bowls:

The water bowls secured with exposed wiring in kennels C2 and C4, which could potentially cause injuries, will be removed. They will be replaced with large, heavy-duty cable ties to ensure that the water bowls are securely fastened without creating a potential injury hazard.

1.4 Notice#15187:

4. – Exercise / socialize dogs with suspected behavioural concerns:

Apart from specialized dogs that work 8-hour shifts daily from Monday to Friday (rest during weekends unless called out when on standby), the shift dogs work 12 hour shifts four days on and four days off.

The shift dogs are exercised / socialized by the handlers when on duty during the shift. When the handlers are on rest days or absent from work for whatever reason, the kennel official W/O Meyer socializes the dogs. The dogs, not those with suspected behavioural concerns only, are taken out by W/O Meyer and put in the exercise camps. After the dogs are relieved in the camps, they are taken for walks around the Sunrise Complex which is approximately 1km in distance.

Donation dogs are socialized daily by W/O Meyer and the instructor, W/O Petersen. W/O Meyer also walks the donation dogs around the Sunrise Complex and inside the dog unit building to familiarize them with the environments in which they may be required to work.

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5. – Barbed wire:

Barbed wire on the outside of exercise camps may unfortunately not be removed due to SAPS security protocol. Barbed wire in the long exercise runs will be repaired to prevent jumping dogs from injuring themselves.

6. – Old faeces in exercise camps:

Faeces are removed daily from all exercise camps between 07:00 and 09:00. The cleaning of the camps and the kennels are supervised by the kennel official W/O Meyer.

Some handlers relieve their dogs after 09:00, depending on their working hours. Therefore, finding faeces in the relief camps during the afternoon, at the time of the SPCA visit, is not unusual.

7. – No shelters in exercise camps:

Four recycled plastic sleeping boxes, in accordance with the SPCA specifications, will be placed in the exercise camps to provide shelter for the dogs.

8. – Damaged vehicle roof:

The damaged vehicle will be utilized in the interim during deployment where only one dog is part of the deployment. In this case the kennel with the damage will not be utilized on the said vehicle. It will be repaired as soon as possible.

2. SAPS K9 Cape Town views the warnings issued by the SPCA in a very serious light.

The dogs at our unit are cared for in accordance with the relevant SAPS National Instructions, Orders, Directives and applicable veterinary requirements. The matters identified during the SPCA visit have been noted, and the necessary corrective measures and follow-up veterinary assessments are being implemented as indicated above.

3. All clinical matters will be dealt with by the K9 National office.

4. I trust that the above feedback is satisfactory and provides clarity regarding the matters raised during the SPCA visit on 15 and 16 September 2026.


**CAPTAIN
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K9 CAPE TOWN
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Date: 2026-09-23