

SANDTON SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IFKM10343

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 68 ATHLONE STREET
Suburb: SANDRINGHAM
Postal Code:
Inspector: GODFREY MNGUNI
Date of Inspection: 2023-11-24
Time of Inspection: 14:09

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name:
Company:
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2:

REPORT

Access Granted By: GILAD SPITALNIK
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes

CHECKLISTS

CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - inadequate space ***	Not up to standards
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	No ***	Not up to standards
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	No ***	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	Poultry was infested with parasites
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	Parasite treatment

General Report Comments: On my arrival at the property no. 66-68 Athlone Avenue, Sandringham all the animals were held in the double-stand property that appeared to almost be non-conducive to keep such animals. During my visit, I got to inspect 14 chickens, 6 Guinea pigs, 3 ducks, 11 goats, 8 sheep, 4 miniature horses, 3 donkeys, 1 Cockatiel, and 3 chow dogs. These animals were previously kept in the the Jabulani Recreation Centre. Due to the lease reassigned to a new lessee who gave them an ultimatum of forfeiting these animals they couldn't conform to, they then decided to move out of the centre according to the Mr Spitalnik. He said the lease is still under negotiations with the lessor admitting that the animals are not in an ideal situation when kept at his house. The poultry enclosures were infested with external parasites due to poor and lack of cleaning. Guinea pigs were kept together with the chickens The ducks were kept in fairly and adequately constructed as for the 3 of them which allowed more room for them. A built-up pond was provided with They had a large drinking tray but there was also an automatic chicken drinkers(faulty at that time with a pipe tear burst) installed along the fence of the enclosure next to the gate. Next to the poultry was the goats' enclosure where 11 goats were kept in approximately 10 m x 7 m enclosure with only 2 dog kennel provided under a gazebo as shelter. There was a large drinking bowl connected to the water source for easy refilling. It was placed in bare sunlight but I advised Mr Spitalnik to move it to the shade to avoid any algae built-up The sheep had no adequate shelter with only a shade cloth outstretched overhead for cover for severe heat from the sun. Together with horses no shelter and proper stables were built for both groups of animals. The same was the case for the donkeys but water and feed were adequately available kept in their own enclosure separate from all other animals. The presentation and/or delivery of these necessities was rather poor because it was provided in large movable bowls made out of plastic and synthetic textile. Mr Spitalnik also mentioned that some of the drinking bowls were previously destroyed and a damaged bathtub was evident to his statement found in the donkeys' enclosure. They were also keeping a cockatiel in the house not limiting the bird to any movement around the house. All 3 dogs were in satisfying physical condition. The bird was provided a space on a window pane and the window carved outward made out of glass on top, on the sides, and the screen shielding wind.

Food and water supply were adequately available and stored in one of the empty enclosures controlled of rodents. The food was contained dustbins including mixed fowl feed, molasses, and small to big concentrate cubes produced for each animal kept on the premises. Adequate, potable water was provided in containers and receptacles but needs to be improved to ensure suitable and durable equipment is used to present these necessary needs in a proper, accessible way for the above-mentioned animals. Mr Spitalnik uses wood chips for the control of foul smells and the breaking down of manure. Basic medication including, deworming, antibiotics, and disinfectants for the animals was in stock but he had no form of record keeping which I suggested to him to organize in writing whether on a whitboard or filing. This also provided bedding for the animals while creating an added fertilizer. He was practicing sustainable and environmentally-friendly ways of processing manure keeping the amount of smell minimal and regenerating it into compost over some time. I still told the wood chips were the cause of parasites because tree bucks and crevices are nesting grounds for parasites. Flies were infested but to some extent, controlled with Red-top fly traps hung up on trees some of which were placed nearer to the enclosures. The smell appears to be coming from the protein meal used in the flytraps. I advised him to move them away from the enclosures and replace the ones that were filled with flies to the top. I also recommend proper feeding and drinking troughs but he claimed that he always takes the animals in groups to browse and graze to the Rec centre. I issued a written warning to Mr Gilad Spitalnik in terms of the Animals Protection Act and the Provincial Gazette, 21 May 2004 to adhere to minimum requirements of keeping these animals. I will have to go with the Environmental Health Department to conduct a follow-up inspection in 14 days on the 5th of December 2023.

ACTIONS

Warning Issued	WG 0577
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REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted	2023-12-05
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INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

14 x POULTRY (CHICKEN) - (COLOUR: VARIOUS) CONDITION: PARASITE INFESTED

Description:

3 x POULTRY (DUCK) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: VARIOUS) CONDITION: PARASITE INFESTED

Description:

6 x OTHER (GUINEA PIGS) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: VARIOUS) CONDITION: FAIR

Description:

11 x GOATS / SHEEP (GOAT) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: VARIOUS) CONDITION: POOR

Description:

8 x GOATS / SHEEP (SHEEP) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: WHITE) CONDITION: POOR