

**SANDTON SPCA**  
**INSPECTOR REPORT**

**IGJ711210**

Complaint Reference No.

Building:  
Street: 207 JAN SMUTS  
Suburb: PARKTOWN NORTH  
Postal Code:  
Inspector: RONALDM RAMALATA  
Date of Inspection: 2024-10-07  
Time of Inspection: 14:20

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**RESPONDENT'S DETAILS**

Name: KEVIN HOPKINS  
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Identification:  
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**REPORT**

Access Granted By: JO  
Comment:  
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes  
Relationship to Property Owner: Worker  
Captured By: Ronald Ramalata 2024-10-10 09:41

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**CHECKLISTS**

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS          | Caged - inadequate space *** | To protect them against cats |
| WATER AVAILABLE                 | Yes, but dirty / not potable |                              |
| ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE      | Yes                          |                              |
| ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION       | Yes                          |                              |
| VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO | No                           |                              |
| ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE        | Yes                          |                              |
| CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT        | Yes                          |                              |

General Report Comments:

On the 7

th of October 2024 at 14h48 I together with inspector Godfrey Mnguni we conducted inspection at your practice and the following were my findings:

1. 2x Cocktail birds

Birds were kept in a bird's cage on the left side of the entrance of the Clinic . The perches are placed above the food container which will mean that when birds defecate the food will be mixed with bird's droppings .

2. Ring neck and Sun conure birds

Kept on the right-hand side in a small cage by the entrance to the Clinic.

There were three birds that are in the clinic which are two Budgies and a Ring neck. I was told the Ring neck was bullied by the mate that were kept with and in a process, she lost the feathers. The bullying was supposed to be noticed earlier, and birds separated.

3. 2X Pigeons was observed in a cage, when asked why the pigeon was locked in a cage, I was told that if they are released the cats will kill them. I was told that there is nothing wrong with the Pigeon. My suggestion will be that they rather taken to a recommended rehabilitation centres than be kept in a cage.

4. Vervet monkey (name Pansula)

The monkey appeared to be lonely and nothing much to do.

Poor environmental enrichment observed which are, the wooden ramps which need maintenance as is falling apart. The swing net observed which appeared to have not been used for quite sometimes. The gate post is getting rusted, needs repairs.

The water bowls observed dirty with green algae

5. 2x Rabbits

I have observed two Rabbits kept in two separate enclosures, like a pet shop type on a setup, main concern is that these rabbits are spending the rest of their life in that enclosure which is unfair. I was told they cannot be freed in the yard as there are 18 cats that are roaming free in the yard, and they are scared that they will be attacked by the cats.

6. 2x Leopard Tortoise

Tortoises observed in the same area with the Rabbits though they were not enclosed.

I have asked for a permit which you have promised to email to me.

7. 18 x cats

I was told that there are 18 cats in the yard which mostly are rescued cats, amongst them some are semi-ferals.

You are requested to provide us with the permits for keeping the Tortoises and the Vervet monkey

Unless timeframe is specified otherwise, the above-mentioned warning terms are expected to be rectified within 7 days from date of issue as failure to do so may result in serious legal implications. Also refer to recommendations below:

Comments and Recommendations

The SPCA still stands opposed to the keeping of wild animals in a captivity as we believe that wild animals should be left in the wild where they can live their natural life. I find no reason why a veterinary practice would want to keep birds in such a small cage and regarded it as normal. We rely on veterinarians to set as an example in advocating for better carrying of all animals and making sure that their welfare is not compromised.

The enrichment of the monkey must be improved but I rather recommend that the monkey should be taken to a recommended rehabilitation centre where it can be reintroduced to a family and be returned to the wild.

I suggest that if you want to keep the birds rather construct an Aviary , which will allow the birds to fly not keeping them in a small cage.

Rabbit hutches need to be constructed to allow the rabbit freedom, or rather try to find homes for the rabbits, same applies to many cats that you have kept in your yard. It needs to be taken into considerations that they are legislations that regulates the keeping of animals to certain minimum standards. It does not appear that you have met those standards.

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**ACTIONS**

Warning Issued

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**REPORT OUTCOMES**

Follow-up inspection to be conducted     2024-10-15

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**INSPECTION ANIMALS**

Description:

1 x WILDLIFE (VERVET MONKEY) - MALE CALLED 'Pansula' (COLOUR: Grey ) CONDITION: Fair

Description:

1 x OTHER (RABBIT) - (COLOUR: Grey/Black ) CONDITION: Good

Description:

2 x OTHER (TORTOISE) - MALE (COLOUR: Leopard tortoise ) CONDITION: Acceptable

Description:

5 x CATS (DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR (DSH)) - (COLOUR: Various ) CONDITION: Fair

Description:

2 x BIRDS (PIGEON) - (COLOUR: Grey ) CONDITION: Good

Description:

9 x BIRDS (BIRD) - (COLOUR: Various ) CONDITION: A ring neck under treatment

Description:

1 x OTHER (RABBIT) - (COLOUR: Black ) CONDITION: Good