

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building:
Street: FARM 25 STRYDPAN FARM
Suburb:
Postal Code:
Date: 2025-11-14
Time: 14:00
Inspector: ANNECIA LE ROUX

Type: CASE DISCUSSION NOTE

Follow-Up Date:

Comments: Upon arrival at the facility at approximately 14:00, Mr. John Swartz was not present; however, I was granted access to the premises. I proceeded through the kennels and immediately observed that the water levels in the inside kennels were extremely low.

When I reached the outside kennels/exercise areas, I found that there was absolutely no water available for the dogs. All water bowls were completely dry. I questioned the workers as to why the dogs were without water and was informed that the facility had been without electricity and water for two days. I asked what the contingency plan was for ensuring the dogs' welfare during this period and was told that Mr. Swartz was "apparently arranging water."

I informed the workers that this situation was entirely unacceptable and that it is non-negotiable for animals to be without water—particularly in the extreme heat conditions currently being experienced. I instructed the workers to load containers and proceed to the SPCA to collect water immediately.

I contacted Field Officer Foreman at the SPCA and requested that she load and fill our JoJo tank to assist. Upon leaving the property, I contacted Inspector Kok to report the situation and advised her that I had instructed the workers to collect water from the SPCA.

I then phoned Mr. Swartz to inquire further. He stated that the problem was due to an Eskom issue and that he was arranging for a water tanker to arrive at approximately 15:00. I informed him that I had already instructed his staff to collect water from the SPCA. Despite this, no tanker arrived by the time we left the property.

A total of 2,000 litres of water was transported to the site, and all dogs were provided with water immediately. We departed the premises shortly after 18:00, at which time the tanker Mr. Swartz indicated would arrive had still not done so.

Based on the above, a warning was issued for the following:

During the follow-up inspection, it was found that all dogs housed in the outside kennels/exercise areas were without any access to water. Staff confirmed that the facility had been without water and electricity for two days. This is a serious and unacceptable violation of the Animals Protection Act (APA), which mandates that animals must have constant access to clean, fresh water. The high temperatures at present further elevate the risk of dehydration, heat stress, suffering, and potential death.

Lack of water is non-negotiable and cannot be excused under any circumstances.

You are hereby instructed to:

- a) Rectify this matter immediately by ensuring that every dog on the property has access to clean, fresh water at all times; and
- b) Provide a written contingency plan within 24 hours detailing how water provision will be maintained in future, including measures for emergency situations such as water supply interruptions or power outages.

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