

SPRINGS SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

PHJ715160

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: FARM 25 STRYDPAN FARM
Suburb:
Postal Code:
Inspector: ANNECIA LE ROUX
Date of Inspection: 2025-11-11
Time of Inspection: 17:30

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name: JOHN QUINTON SWARTZ
Company: RENT-A- DOG
Identification:
Email: RENT-A-DOG@OUTLOOK.COM
Tel 1:
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REPORT

Access Granted By: JOHN SWARTZ
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Tenant
Captured By: ANNECIA LE ROUX 2025-11-14 10:06

CHECKLISTS

CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - inadequate space ***	CAGE IN KENNELS
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	No ***	MANY KENNELS NOTED TO BE TOO SMALL
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***	SMELL OF URINE, EXCESSIVE FLIES
WATER AVAILABLE	Yes, but dirty / not potable	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes, but not adequate ***	KENNELS BROKEN, TWO DOGS SHARING ONE KENNEL
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	DOGS NOTED REQUIRING VETERINARY TREATMENT
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	DOGS NOTED REQUIRING VETERINARY TREATMENT

General Report Comments:

Property Owner: John Swartz (currently out of the country)

Accompanying Members: Sgt Ngoma, Cst Nkomo, Inspector Kok, Senior Inspector Naudé, Cadet Inspector Mocke, Inspector Le Roux

A warrant was executed at the Rent-a-Dog premises belonging to Mr. John Swartz. The inspection was conducted due to ongoing non-compliance with previous warnings, ongoing welfare concerns, and the need to verify the condition, identification and number of dogs kept on the property.

The following findings were documented in detail.

Biosecurity

No biosecurity measures were present anywhere on the property. There were no footbaths, disinfectant points, handwashing facilities, or protocols observed. This poses a high risk of disease transmission, especially considering the movement of animals on and off the premises.

Husbandry & Environmental Concerns

- Flytraps were placed directly adjacent to kennels, attracting flies into the animal housing areas instead of away from them.
- Strong odours were present in several blocks, particularly E Block, where smoke from burning sawdust further compromised air quality.
- Protruding wires were noted in multiple enclosures.
- Multiple dogs were observed with injuries, diarrhoea, lameness, and high stress behaviours (spinning, pacing, fence fighting).

Use of Choke Chains / Collars

No dogs were physically chained to the kennels; however, many dogs were kept inside kennels while wearing choke chains, collar chains, or collars. This poses significant welfare and safety concerns, including strangulation risk, entrapment, and exacerbation of injuries.

Two Rottweilers were still kept in "the box" and still wearing choke chains. These dogs have remained in this condition since the first inspection.

Breeding Block

- Multiple mothers with litters; conditions varied.
- M1, M2, M5, M6, M8, M9 recorded with their pups as follows:
 - o M1: GSD mother + 3 pups
 - o M2: GSD mother + 1 pup
 - o M5: GSD mother + 6 pups
 - o M6: GSD mother (no pups)
 - o M8: Rottie mother (no pups)
 - o M9: Rottie mother + 1 pup (both with hind-leg issues)

Outside Training Area

- 2 brindle Malinois
- 2 GSD
- 1 black GSD

Outside Shack "the box"

- 1 male, 1 female Rottweiler

BLOCK FINDINGS

A BLOCK

A1 Black GSD M (choke chain)

A2 Black GSD (previously lost pups, diarrhoea, pregnant)

A3 GSD F diarrhoea

A4 Black Shepherd F (choke chain)

A5 GSD F appears pregnant

A6 Black Shepherd severe stress

A8 GSD F

A9 Black Shepherd pacing

A10 Malinois injured right front leg

A11 GSD M

A12 GSD F choke chain

A13 GSD F

A14 2 Malinois (M & F, choke chain on M, female broken canine)

A15 GSD X F choke chain

A17 GSD F appears pregnant

A18 GSD F appears pregnant (fence fighting)

A19 1 Black Shepherd (M) 1 GSD (F) chain on male

A20 Shepherd

A21 Shepherd M collar

(A7, A16 unused)

B BLOCK

B2 Malinois

B3 Shepherd (possible pregnant)
 B4 Frenchie (appears pregnant)
 B5 Malinois F
 B6 Shepherd M chain
 B7 GSD F
 B9 Frenchie M collar
 B10 Frenchie M collar
 B11 Shepherd
 B12 Malinois F
 B13 Frenchie F
 B14 Black Shepherd M
 B15 Black Shepherd M
 B16 Malinois M
 B18 Black Shepherd F (hair loss)
 B21 Shepherd – enucleated right eye (op 24 Oct), chain removed by FO
 B22 Spaniel with rotten chicken carcass in kennel
 (B1, B8, B17, B19, B20 empty)
 C BLOCK
 C2 Shepherd F low hips
 C3 Malinois F
 C6 Malinois M
 C7 Shepherd M
 C8 Malinois F
 C9 GSD 1M 1F (choke chain on F)
 C11 GSD 1M 1F (choke chain on F)
 C12 Malinois F
 C13 GSD 1M 1F (female low hips)
 C14 Shepherd F
 C15 GSD F
 C16 Shepherd M injury on right face
 C17 GSD F (recently fed, chain removed)
 C18 Black Malinois type M
 C19 GSD F
 C20 Malinois (1M, 1F)
 (C1, C4, C5, C10 empty)
 D BLOCK
 D4 Shepherd
 (Others empty)
 E BLOCK
 E1 Rottweiler F
 E2 Shepherd (collar)
 E3 GSD (1M 1F, chain on male)
 E4 Brindle Shepherd F
 E5 GSD
 E6 GSD
 E7 Rotti M collar
 E8 Rotti M chain
 E9 Malinois M skinny
 E10 Malinois F
 E11 Rotti M collar
 E12 GSD M
 E13 GSD F
 E14 GSD
 E15 GSD M (very narrow enclosure)
 E16 GSD F
 E17 Malinois F
 E18 Malinois M chain
 E20 Brindle Malinois F
 E21 Brindle Malinois M
 E22 Malinois M
 (E19 empty)
 S BLOCK (Shed) – PUPS
 1. GSD pup (9–10 weeks)
 2. Malinois M pup (9–10 weeks)
 3. GSD F pup (4 months)

4. Brindle Boerboel (4–5 months, tail docked)
5. Malinois F pup (3 months)
6. Rottweiler M pup (tail docked)
7. GSD M pup (3–4 months)
8. GSD M pup
9. GSD F pup

Office

- 3 Rottweiler pups (2M, 1F) – no water

DOGS IDENTIFIED FOR SEIZURE

Three dogs met seizure criteria:

1. Malinois-type, emaciated & weak
2. Black Shepherd, appears pregnant, poor condition
3. Rottweiler puppy unable to walk

After discussion with Mr Swartz:

- He was allowed to take the two adults to the vet and must provide veterinary reports as per Inspector Kok recommendations.
- He signed the puppy over to the SPCA.

FINAL TALLY OF DOGS ON THE PROPERTY (ALL BLOCKS COMBINED)

☐ Total counted: 130 dogs

(including adults, juveniles, and pups, excluding empty kennels)

WARNING

A comprehensive warning was issued to Mr Swartz under the guidance of Inspector Kok and signed by Inspector Le Roux.

The warning includes but is not limited to:

- Veterinary treatment compliance
- Biosecurity requirements
- Removal of flytraps away from kennels
- Addressing protruding wires
- Proper water access
- Welfare concerns relating to choke chains/collars on confined dogs

ACTIONS

Warning Issued	10355-10359
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REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted	2025-11-12
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ANIMAL(S) SIGNED OVER	SUCAN1726
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INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

46 x DOGS (GERMAN SHEPHERD) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

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47 x DOGS (BELGIUM MALINOIS) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

7 x DOGS (DUTCH SHEPHERD) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

15 x DOGS (ROTTWEILER) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

2 x DOGS (BLOODHOUND) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

2 x DOGS (BORDER COLLIE) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

3 x DOGS (CANE CORSO) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

1 x DOGS (BOXER) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

2 x DOGS (FRENCH BULLDOG) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

1 x DOGS (SPRINGER SPANIEL) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

1 x DOGS (BELGIAN SHEPHERD) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

1 x DOGS (DOBERMAN) - CONDITION: FAIR TO SATISFACTORY

Description:

1 x DOGS (ROTTWEILER) - AN UNSTERILISED FEMALE CALLED 'TOYA' (COLOUR: BLACK AND BROWN) CONDITION: LAME