

SPRINGS SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

IEEG07424

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: LARIS STREET
Suburb: SUNDRA
Postal Code:
Inspector: ANNECIA MORTON
Date of Inspection: 2022-06-29
Time of Inspection: 09:18

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

Name:
Company:
Identification:
Email:
Tel 1:
Tel 2: 0824118844

REPORT

Access Granted By: RENTIA LOURENS
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner:
Captured By: ANNECIA LE ROUX 2022-06-29 09:28

CHECKLISTS

CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Caged - inadequate space ***	Adequate according to the SANS
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	No ***	Adequate according to the SANS
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	No ***	Filthy
WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	most animals were amciater
VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	Emaciated pigs, wounds on pigs, swollen legs

General Report Comments: On the 14th of May 2022, the Springs SPCA received a complaint about approximately 3000 pigs found on two farms owned by the same owners that are dying from starvation. At approximately 14:40, the complainant, who wishes to remain anonymous, provided me with photographic evidence of the conditions at the farm.

4.
On the 14th of May 2022, at approximately 15:15 Cadet Inspector Charné J Hand and I arrived at the one farm Lekker Goed Laai Goed off Laris Road, Mpumalanga which falls within the Delmas District with GPS coordinates -26.105308, 28.537186 (Farm 1). Upon arrival the security at the front gate of the farm denied us access and informed us that we would need permission from the owner to gain access. Subsequently, the staff provided us with the owner's cell phone number; however, the owner's cell phone went straight to voicemail.

5.
At approximately 15:35, we proceeded to go to the second farm with GPS coordinates -26.113802, 28.519056 (Farm 2) which is situated on Laris Road. After hooting several times at the front gate it appeared that nobody was present on the property. We then left the property and proceeded back to Springs SPCA.

6.
At this point that I contacted the Captain Carla Hartley of the Delmas police station to find out who the Magistrate on duty was in order for us to try and obtain a warrant to gain access to the property, she supplied me with the number for Prosecutor Gustav Schultz, and unfortunately I was unable to get through to him.

7.
At roughly 17:55 we returned to the second farm on Laris Road, with GPS coordinates -26.113802, 28.519056 (Farm 2) as the owner was prepared to allow us access to the property. Upon arrival we were met by Inspector Daryl John White from NSPCA. Inspector Daryl John White from NSPCA advised us that he had inspected the other property and had to perform an emergency slaughter on one of the piglets. He also mentioned the insufficient feed that was present approximately three bags for roughly 2800 pigs as well as the excessive amounts of faeces that he had to wade through. Inspector Daryl John White mentioned there were areas that he was not able to gain access to and I have reason to believe that these areas are harbouring the animals that are in dire need, this comes from the information supplied from the complainant.

8.
We entered the property which has no power to attempt to inspect the site, we were shown the areas that the pigs were kept and what we could see in the poor lighting was numerous piglets that were noticeably hungry as they kept trying to bite us, piglets that had no visible food source and only the bare ground to sleep on no heating sources were provided. There was also a rat infestation as they kept running across our feet.
After inspecting the areas that we could in the poor lighting we left advising Mrs Lourens that we would be back the following day. We departed at approximately 19:00.

9.
On the 15th May 2022 at around 08:45 we were permitted to enter the premises GPS coordinates -26.105308, 28.537186 (Farm 1), we were met by a gentleman that I was later told was the vet (Dr. M Botha) on the premises. We were given the go ahead to inspect the property, the gentleman took us into the farrowing house, and here I was met by the most horrific site of dead piglets placed on the sides of the walls, piglets that were emaciated as well as those that were busy dying. There were numerous farrowing crates were without heat lamps resulting in piglets unable to stay warm and possibly dying from the cold.

Due to the severity of this situation I emergency slaughtered by means of captive bolt pistol and knife, twelve (12) piglets to prevent further suffering.

10.
We then moved onto the next farrowing house and I was met with a similar situation here. From this room I performed a further six (6) emergency slaughters to prevent further suffering.

11.
Shortly after this I was alerted by my colleagues to another area that had numerous other pigs that were in dire state. We went through the area carefully and identified the pigs that were in need of emergency slaughtered approximately another 25 to prevent further suffering. These pigs had issues such as growths, swollen legs, infected hooves and serious cases wounds suggestive of tail biting which had resulted in infections.

12.
This continued through all the areas until we reached a total of seventy (70) pigs that were slaughtered for the day, an approximate 22 that had been found dead on arrival and this did not include the numerous ones that were lying dead on the trailer under wood shavings when we arrived. In total there were an approximate 40 mortalities.

13.

We returned on the 16th May 2022 around 12:40 after once again trying to obtain a warrant, unfortunately Magistrate Zondo was not available and Magistrate Roos was unable to assist as she could not grant magisterial authorization.

14.

We needed to do further inspections and was accompanied by the state vet Dr. Ushamba as we had concerns about the welfare of the pigs as there were numerous that were dying and we wanted confirmation that there were no diseases.

15.

Once again we were met with the same horrific site of mortalities within the Farrowing houses a total of nine (9) were noted. There were two sows in active labour that had been left unassisted.

16.

We inspected all the houses again and found the following, approximately 2400 pigs around 700 being piglets. The adult body scoring overall is very low with a large amount of the adults being emaciated. The piglets scoring is also very low. There are numerous injuries among the adult pigs and the growers display severe tail biting injuries and coughing which from what the state vet has said is a result of the filthy conditions they are living in.

17.

At the second farm we found four more pigs in need of emergency slaughter, three had severe tail biting injuries and the fourth a large mass at the back leg which was causing discomfort. Mrs Lourens agreed that humanely euthanizing these was necessary.

18.

A total of twelve (12) emergency slaughters were performed to end suffering of these animals on the 16th of May 2022

ACTIONS

Warning Issued

17/05/2022

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2022-06-29

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REFERRED TO ANOTHER SPCA OR C NSPCA

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

2565 x PIGS (PIGS) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: PINK) CONDITION: RANGING FROM EMACIATED TO FAIR

Description:

424 x PIGS (PIG) - UNSTERILISED (COLOUR: PINK) CONDITION: RANGING FROM FAIR TO EMACIATED TO DYING TO DEAD