

**SPRINGS SPCA**  
**INSPECTOR REPORT**

**IEEG07424**

Complaint Reference No.

Building:  
Street: LARIS STREET  
Suburb: SUNDRA  
Postal Code:  
Inspector: ANNECIA MORTON  
Date of Inspection: 2022-07-07  
Time of Inspection: 11:01

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**RESPONDENT'S DETAILS**

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

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**REPORT**

Access Granted By: RENTIA LOURENS  
Comment:  
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes  
Relationship to Property Owner:  
Captured By: ANNECIA LE ROUX 2022-07-08 11:07

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**CHECKLISTS**

|                                 |                              |                                                 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS          | Caged - inadequate space *** | UNABLE TO TURN AROUND                           |
| ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE        | No ***                       | UNABLE TO TURN AROUND                           |
| CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT        | No ***                       | THICK LAYER OF FAECES IN THE SOW CRATING AREA   |
| WATER AVAILABLE                 | Yes                          |                                                 |
| ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE      | Yes                          |                                                 |
| ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION       | No ***                       | MOST ARE EMACIATED AND ALOT ON THE VERGE OF DYI |
| VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO | Yes ***                      | EMACIATION, WOUNDS AND BURNS                    |

24.

After about a month since the last follow up inspection was conducted, on the 7th of July 2022, I returned with Cadet Inspector Charné J Hand to Mrs Lourens' two farms. At approximately 09:55 we arrived at Farm 2 with GPS coordinates -26.113802, 28.519056. We were met by a man who identified himself as the new farm manager who told us that there were no longer any pigs on this farm due to the pigs constantly being stolen.

25.

Upon arrival at Farm 1 with GPS coordinates -26.105308, 28.537186, we noticed that no biosecurity measures were taking place at the front gate as the gate was wide open and the farm manager told us to drive through to the parking lot inside the premises. We informed the farm manager that we wanted to conduct a follow up inspection. Shortly after, Mrs Lourens contacted me telephonically to advise me that she was not available to meet us at the farm but that we can proceed with our inspection.

26.

We started our inspection in the sow stalls and immediately noticed that majority of the pigs were again emaciated. We began taking down numbers of pigs and half way through the sow stalls we saw two downer sows. Upon closer inspection we saw that the one sow was already dead and the second was still alive but severely emaciated and dying. Further down, we found a third downer sow who also appeared to still be alive but dying. Both of the dying downer sows were severely emaciated. I emergency slaughtered both sows immediately to prevent further suffering.

27.

After the two sows were euthanased, we continued to inspect the sow stalls. There was no food in any of the containers, the sow stalls / gestation crates had not been modified to provide more space for the sows, all the sows screamed as we were walking through the stalls and were trying to bite us through the cages. The floor of this building contained a thick sludge layer of faeces mixed with water.

28.

Before entering the farrowing houses, we saw approximately 20 piglet carcasses that had been collected over the past 24 hours and placed on a trailer. One of these carcasses appeared to be a piglet that had been eaten by another pig through the spine inwards. The farm worker who collected the carcasses informed us that things had gone downhill in the past couple of weeks and that there is a high daily mortality rate.

29.

In the farrowing houses we noticed that majority of the farrowing pens did not contain heating lamps or sufficient bedding for the pigs. Three (3) dead piglets were found, and I emergency slaughtered two (2) piglets who were busy dying. The lactating sows all appeared to be emaciated or with a low overall body score.

30.

We proceeded to the other buildings containing older pigs. One young grower pig was found in an outside muddy area by itself and appeared to be paralysed in the back legs as it was dragging the back half of its body unable to walk. I emergency slaughtered this one (1) pig to prevent further suffering. None of these buildings appeared to have a visible food source and majority of the pigs appeared to be emaciated.

31.

The last set of buildings inspected were the buildings containing the weaned piglets. In total, two (2) piglets were found dead and four (4) piglets were emergency slaughtered due to burn wounds, paralysis, infected tail and ear wounds. In these buildings it was noted that the piglets had a food supply of maize meal mixed with sugar. Many of the piglets appeared to have minor burn wounds, and the farm worker assisting us informed us that the piglets were being burnt by the low hanging heat lamps. In the one building, a rat was seen running around with the piglets.

32.

In total, on the 7th of July 2022, nine (9) emergency slaughters were performed to end suffering of these animals and approximately 906 pigs were found on the farm. A 24 hour warning was issued to

## ACTIONS

Warning Issued

07/07/2022

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## REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2022-07-08

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REFERRED TO ANOTHER SPCA OR C NSPCA

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## INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

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

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