

INSPECTORATE REPORT

Nature of Complaint: Rietvlei Zoo Farmyard Welfare Concerns

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Inspector/s: Diale Ratsela and Israel Lukheli

Date of Inspection: 18 August 2026

Animals inspected:

Farmyard

- 5 Sheep, 12 Goats, 1 Potbelly pig, 30 Rabbits, 50 Chickens, 18 Peacocks, 4 Turkeys, 30 Rabbits, 16 Ducks and 7 Geese were inspected;
- The farm animals were found placed in different enclosures separated as per species;
- The animals were found in an acceptable condition exhibiting no signs of ill-health or injury;
- The animals were found provided with adequate shelter, bedding, species appropriate feed, clean drinking water, swimming ponds, including climbing platforms for goats;
- No bullying or fighting amongst the animals was observed.

Aviaries/Exotic Birds

- The aviaries were found clean, with the provision on species specific feed, clean drinking water, bird boxes, perches, natural branches, sand, rocks, toys, including bedding;
- A number of birds were observed places according to species;
- The birds were places in pairs and groupings;
- The birds inspected included Finches, Conures, Parakeets, Pigeons, Doves;
- Lovebirds, Cockatiels, Budgies and other parrot species;
- The birds were found with no signs of sickness or illness;
- The aviaries were found clean, with the provision on species specific feed, clean drinking water, bird boxes, perches, natural branches, sand, rocks, toys, including bedding.

Equine

- 5 horses (3 Mares, 2 Geldings) 1 Donkey (Mare), were found grazing in the open and inspected;
- All were found to be in an acceptable condition with no sign of illness or injury;
- The horses and donkey are no stabled but have structures that provide adequate shelter;
- Clean drinking water and extra feed was provided and available in storage;
- The hooves were examined, found in acceptable condition, last farrier visit was on 25/7/2026, done every sixth week.

Action taken:

- No welfare concerns were noted requiring action at the time of the inspection;
- Follow up pro-active inspections will be conducted.

Report compiled by: Senior Inspector Diale Ratsela