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Dear Adv R De Kock

RE: PHILADELPHIA – CAS 5/8/2022

In August 2022 the Inspector Philander of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA laid criminal charges against the Cape Town Ostrich Ranch in Van Schoorndrift, Philadelphia. The Ostrich Ranch is housing several ostriches in contravention of Section 2(1)(b) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 – the ostriches do not have access to adequate protection or shelter from heat, cold or weather. Ostriches require shelter to protect them against cold and rain, especially in the Cape Town winters.

Section 2(1)(b) of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962:

2. OFFENCES IN RESPECT OF ANIMALS - (1) Any person who:
(b) confines, chains, tethers or secures any animal unnecessarily or under such conditions or in such a manner or position as to cause that animal unnecessary suffering or in any place which affords inadequate space, ventilation, light, protection or shelter from heat, cold or weather; or

Several warnings have been issued to the facility to rectify the contravention. However, they have failed and/or refused to comply. This left us with no other option but to open criminal charges.

We have subsequently been informed that the case has been withdrawn by the Senior Public Prosecutor. We have attempted to contact the Investigating Officer for reasons; however, we have been unsuccessful in obtaining this information.

We would like to request that your office kindly review this docket and reconsider in order for the matter to be prosecuted, or at the very least be mediated so that the ostriches can be provided with adequate protection or shelter from heat, cold or weather – this is all we want.

Thank you for your consideration, and we are looking forward to your response.

Kind regards

Jaco Pieterse
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Good day Sir

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Please see attached letter for your perusal.

Kind regards

Jaco Pieterse
Chief Inspector