



WARNING #HBSRC/09/23

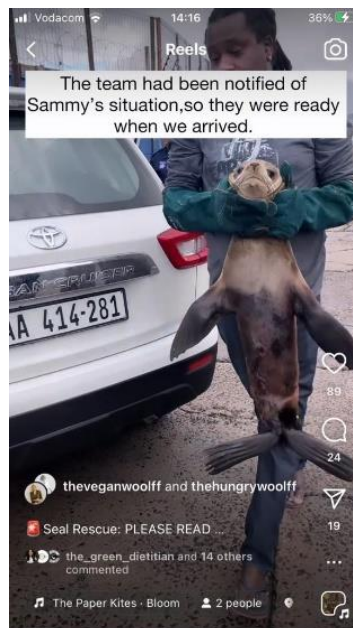
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You are hereby warned that:

The SPCA received a complaint regarding the manner in which a Cape Fur seal was handled by a staff member of the Hout Bay Seal Rescue Centre. In a video shared on Instagram by @theveganwoolff on 4 September 2023, it depicts how a Cape Fur seal was being carried incorrectly and inhumanely by a staff member of Hout Bay Seal Rescue Centre.

1. Animal(s) may not be dragged, lifted or carried around their neck or by their head, fleece/hair/coat, ears, tails, horns, legs or wings (whichever is applicable to the species of animal being handled). Animals must be handled humanely with care and consideration.

Your staff must be provided with adequate training on how to handle and carry seals in a humane manner.



This warning has been issued in terms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act No 169 of 1993.

Failure to comply with this warning may render you liable for prosecution under the Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 and / or Performing Animals Protection Act No 24 of 1935.

Any person who: - obstructs, hinders or resists an officer authorised in terms of the Animals Protection Act No 71 of 1962 or conceals any animal shall be guilty of an offence in terms of Section 8(4) of the aforementioned Act.

SIGNED & ACCEPTED BY: Sent via Email
PLACE: Cape Town
INSPECTOR: Inspector Trevor Rodney (Wildlife Department)