

COGH SPCA
INSPECTOR REPORT

INSP237453

Complaint Reference No.

Building:
Street: 9 WINDSOR STREET
Suburb: FIRLANDS
Postal Code: 7130
Inspector: SIVIWE NOKO
Date of Inspection: 2026-10-10
Time of Inspection: 15:45

RESPONDENT'S DETAILS

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REPORT

Access Granted By: Reyaaz
Comment:
Were Animals Seen on the Property: Yes
Relationship to Property Owner: Owner
Captured By: Siviwe Noko 2026-10-11 09:17

CHECKLISTS

VETERINARY PROBLEMS / HEALTH CO	Yes ***	Goats arr underweight
ANIMALS IN GOOD CONDITION	No ***	Goats are underweight
CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE	Yes	
ADEQUATE SHELTER AVAILABLE	Yes	
WATER AVAILABLE	Yes	
CONFINEMENT OF ANIMALS	Free roaming - in property	

General Report Comments: Upon arrival, I found the gate locked and contacted the owner, who subsequently opened it for me. I introduced myself and explained that I was following up on a warning issued by my colleague regarding the goats that were reportedly in need of veterinary attention.

The owner escorted me to the animals and explained that the goats were currently lactating and were likely to lose some body condition during the dry season and they are Saanen breed type goats. He stated that he supplements their diet with concentrate feed to provide additional nutrients. Upon inspection, I observed that most of the goats were in moderate body condition, with the majority scoring approximately 2/5 and some scoring 3/5.

Following a discussion with the owner and an inspection of the feed provided, which included maize and oat hay, it became apparent that the goats are not receiving an optimal diet for their nutritional requirements. Their current diet consists predominantly of carbohydrates and roughage, with oat hay containing only a relatively low protein content. Goats require adequate protein as a key component of their diet for maintenance, growth, and milk production.

The smallholding does not have sufficient grazing available to meet the nutritional needs of the goats. I therefore advised the owner to supplement the animals' diet with lucerne hay as a suitable substitute for natural grazing. I also recommended establishing suitable grazing pasture on the property, as there appears to be an ample supply of water available for irrigation.

The owner informed me that the animals are allowed to graze on a nearby field for part of the day, but due to the lack of a full-time shepherd, they must be returned to the property thereafter. The sheep on the property are Damara breeds and were observed to be in good condition. This breed is well adapted to local conditions and is capable of performing well on dry veld and maize-based supplementation.

The owner also reported that a goat kid had recently died after developing severe bloat while he was away. According to him, nobody was available to assist the animal, and it subsequently died. He further indicated that bloating is a recurring problem among the goats. I explained that the concentrate feed currently being provided is high in carbohydrates and may contribute to ruminal acidosis, which can result in bloating. I therefore recommended increasing the availability of green forage and reducing the amount of maize provided.

The owner advised that the animals had been dewormed approximately one month ago using Lintex-1. I suggested using a product with broader-spectrum activity against internal parasites. He showed me a bottle of NE-MA-Fluke, which is effective against a wider range of internal parasites. However, as the animals had been treated recently, I advised him to wait at least one more week before administering the product to avoid potential overdosing. The owner also recently applied an external parasite treatment, and residue from the product was still visible on the animals' backs.

I recommend allowing the owner a period of approximately six weeks to implement the advised corrective measures, including the introduction of lucerne hay and the administration of an appropriate broad-spectrum dewormer. A follow-up inspection should then be conducted to assess whether there has been a measurable improvement in the body condition and overall welfare of the goats after 1 and a half month.

ACTIONS

OWNER EDUCATED

REPORT OUTCOMES

Follow-up inspection to be conducted 2026-11-26

INSPECTION ANIMALS

Description:

NIL