

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building:	
Street:	22 FIRST AVENUE
Suburb:	GRASSY PARK
Postal Code:	7941
Date:	2026-03-06
Time:	11:51
Inspector:	JACO PIETERSE
Type:	EMAIL - SENT
Follow-Up Date:	2026-03-13

Comments:

Dear Ms Buckton,

I trust that you are well.

A complaint was brought to my attention via the City of Cape Town's Law Enforcement: Internal Compliance Unit (Investigations) concerning Officer Alexander, a member of the Law Enforcement Animal Control Auxiliary Unit.

I wish to advise that there is presently an ongoing investigation in terms of Section 3 of the City of Cape Town Animal Keeping By-law relating to an unsterilised dog over the age of six months in your care. Our records reflect that the dog was admitted into the care of the SPCA on 11 October 2025. Upon reclaiming the dog, you declined to have the animal sterilised, which constitutes a contravention of Section 3 of the Animal Keeping By-law.

Officer Alexander, together with his colleagues, was assigned to investigate this matter. As the contravention has not yet been remedied, the officer is obliged to proceed with the issuing of a fine for the offence, which he has been trying to do since the investigation started. Alternatively, should you not wish to receive such a fine, the City will be required to initiate the impoundment process of the unsterilised dog in terms of the Animal Keeping By-law.

We therefore request your full cooperation to allow the officer to conclude the investigation and issue a fine in terms of Section 56 of the Criminal Procedure Act for the offense. This forms part of the prescribed due process. Alternatively, the impoundment process may have to be followed to ensure that the dog is impounded and sterilised to ensure compliance with the Animal Keeping By-law. You must also apply to the City for a permit by completing the attached form and submitting the required documentation to Regional Inspector Grove, copied in this email. Please note that the fine must still be issued regardless of whether an application for a permit is submitted or not.

Kindly advise when it would be convenient for the officers to attend at your premises to issue the fine so that the matter may be finalised and you may proceed with a permit application if you so wish. Failing your cooperation, I will regrettably have no option but to instruct the officers to proceed with the impoundment process, which we would prefer to avoid. We are affording you 7 days to allow for the fine to be issued - you will need to let me know when the officers can meet with you to do this.

Should you have any further concerns regarding the officer in question or the process being followed, you are welcome to contact me directly via email.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Jaco Pieterse (Bachelor of Laws - LLB)
Auxiliary Law Enforcement Officer

Coordinator for Animal Control Unit (ACU) Auxiliaries

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