

INSPECTOR NOTE

Building:
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Date: 2026-08-21
Time: 15:45
Inspector: RUDOLPH PHILANDER

Type: EMAIL - SENT
Follow-Up Date: 2026-08-24
Comments: From: Rudolph Philander
Sent: Friday, 21 August 2026 15:41
To: Odette MW <odettewernich@gmail.com>
Cc: Inspectorate – Cape of Good Hope SPCA <inspectorate@spca-ct.co.za>
Subject: RE: CoGH SPCA: New submission from Report Cruelty

Dear Ms Wernich,

Thank you for your email and for your continued concern for the welfare of the cat.

We understand that hearing an animal vocalise for extended periods can be distressing, and we appreciate that you have taken the time to report your concerns to the SPCA.

Please be advised that the SPCA cannot lawfully remove an animal from its owner solely because a complainant believes the animal would be better cared for elsewhere, or because the animal is vocalising. Before an animal can be seized, our Inspectors must establish that there is evidence of an offence in terms of the Animals Protection Act or that the animal is suffering unnecessarily and requires intervention. Where animals have access to adequate food, water, shelter, veterinary care where necessary, and their basic welfare needs are being met, there may not be sufficient legal grounds for immediate confiscation.

Our Inspector has attended to this matter and the case remains under investigation. Follow-up inspections will be conducted to assess compliance with the instructions issued and to determine whether any further action is warranted. Should evidence be found that the cat is being neglected or is suffering unnecessarily, the SPCA will take the appropriate action available to it in terms of the law. We would also strongly advise against publishing the owner's personal details on social media, as this may expose you to potential legal consequences and could compromise the ongoing investigation. Please be assured that we take all reports of animal welfare concerns seriously and will continue to monitor this matter. Should you observe any significant deterioration in the animal's condition, lack of access to food or water, injury, illness, or any other immediate welfare concern, please report it to us as soon as possible so that it can be assessed.

We trust the above is clear – please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information.

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