



Euthanasia of Animals at SPCA Otjiwarongo

Press Statement from SPCA Namibia

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At SPCA Namibia, the welfare of all animals in our care remains our highest priority. We are dedicated to handling every matter with professionalism, transparency, and in strict accordance with our established policies and procedures. Our intervention in the operations of Otjiwarongo SPCA was triggered by serious community concerns and complaints about the condition of the animals at Otjiwarongo SPCA, and the management of its operations. Our decisions are made after thorough consultation with veterinary experts, stakeholders, and in full compliance with local laws.

As an organisation, our mission is to prevent cruelty, promote kindness, and provide quality care for animals, much like shelters worldwide do every day. The recent events at our Otjiwarongo SPCA shelter are currently under thorough investigation. We are committed to addressing the situation responsibly and swiftly and will update the public after thorough investigations have taken place.

We respectfully ask the public to refrain from spreading unverified information and to allow our investigation to proceed openly and fairly. We are concerned by the untrue comments circulating on social media, which seek to undermine the integrity of our veterinary team and the decisions we have made. These statements are not only inaccurate but also divert attention from the core issue — the animals in urgent need of our care. Our unwavering dedication to their welfare remains steadfast.

We are working closely with the Otjiwarongo SPCA Committee, who is committed to resolve these issues and ensure the continued well-being of the animals in their care. Our processes are designed to be fair, ethical, and aligned with municipal, national, and international regulations and practices.

We understand and share the community's concern and grief over any animal's loss under our care. We reaffirm our commitment to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement. We value constructive feedback and support from the community, which are vital in helping us serve animals and the public better.

For further questions, concerns, or to learn how you can assist us, please contact us directly at director@spcawindhoek.org.na or visit our website www.spcawindhoek.org.na or www.spcanamibia.org.na.

Thank you for your understanding, compassion, and ongoing support during this challenging time.

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