Livestock Pounds in South Africa

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Introduction to the NSPCA

- NSPCA is a law enforcement statutory body
- Only animal welfare organisation with an act of parliament
  
  **SOCIETIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT NO. 169 OF 1993**

- SPCA enforce over 90% of animal welfare legislation
  
  **ANIMALS PROTECTION ACT NO. 71 OF 1962**

- Less than 10% of investigations result in prosecution – the majority of problems are resolved with education, warnings and advice.
NSPCA Overview

Local SPCAs

Nearly 90 SPCAs throughout South Africa

National SPCAs

National Animal Protection, Law Enforcement & Training

6 Specialised Operational Units
• Farm Animal Protection Unit
• Wildlife Protection Unit
• Special Projects Unit
• Society Liaison Unit
• Training Unit
• Special Investigation Unit

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FRAMEWORK

All animals are protected in terms of national legislation

ANIMALS PROTECTION ACT (APA)
NO 71 OF 1962

NSPCA enforces National Legislation in South Africa
Not negated by a finalized Pound Act (National Animal Pounds Bill-2012)

The South African Concise Oxford English Dictionary defines “pound” as follows: “a place where stray animals may officially be taken and kept until claimed.”
Facilities

Constructing adequate facilities before animals arrive-and maintaining them!
Facilities

There is water and food here, BUT animals needing to injure themselves to get it misses the point!
Veterinary Care

Should never be optional - euthanasia always an option!
With a little effort!
### LIVESTOCK POUND CHECKLIST

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<th>Name of Pound</th>
<th>Area</th>
<th>Pound master Tel</th>
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<tr>
<td>Physical address</td>
<td>Postal address</td>
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<tr>
<td>Owner of premises Tel</td>
<td>Cell</td>
<td>Email</td>
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<td>Responsible person A/H</td>
<td>Cell</td>
<td>Vet</td>
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<td>Inspector Society</td>
<td>Time arrived</td>
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<td>Total: Cattle</td>
<td>Equine</td>
<td>Pigs</td>
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#### Does the Pound have their own transport
- Who owns the trucks
- Tel | Cell
- Is transport suitable
- Describe vehicle / rails / floor surface etc

#### Is the Pound open 24 hours
- Are there emergency numbers available
- Name | Tel | Cell
- A/H emergency contact
- Name | Tel | Cell
- Photos taken | Action taken

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1. ANIMALS MUST HAVE WATER AT ALL TIMES.
2. ANIMALS MUST HAVE APPROPRIATE AND SUFFICIENT FEED.
3. ANIMALS MUST HAVE SUITABLE SHELTER.
4. ANIMALS MUST BE KEPT TREATED AGAINST PARASITES.
5. ANIMALS MUST RECEIVE PROMPT VETERINARY TREATMENT IF SICK OR INJURED.
6. AN OFF-LOADING RAMP MUST BE USED.
7. WRITTEN RECORDS MUST BE KEPT OF ALL THE ANIMALS.
8. FACILITIES MUST BE CLEAN AND WELL MAINTAINED.
Main points

Really the crux of the matter for animals kept temporarily

- PENS
- ISOLATION FACILITIES
- RAMPS
- GATES
- PASSAGES
- CRUSH OR HANDLING FACILITIES
- SHELTER REQUIREMENTS
- FENCING
- HEALTH AND HYGIENE
- FEED
- FEED CONTAINERS
- RECORDS
- PREDATORS
- STOCK THEFT
- DISEASE AND INJURY
- EMERGENCY SLAUGHTER