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ANIMAL LAW REFORM SOUTH AFRICA

PER EMAIL

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: ANIMAL LAW REFORM SOUTH AFRICA: PAIA REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS

1. We refer to the above matter, to your request for access to records in terms of section 18 of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000 (**PAIA**), and to your correspondence dated 10 April 2024 (the **Request**).
2. It is not our intention, at this stage, to respond in detail to your correspondence. For present purposes, we confirm that the National Council for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the **NSPCA**) is in the process of dealing with the Request and intends to respond to the Request in due course and in accordance with the procedures prescribed in terms of PAIA.
3. In accordance with section 26 of PAIA, we confirm that the NSPCA requires an extension to provide a decision on the Request. This is because of the existence of the following circumstances:
 - 3.1. a significant number of documents have been requested which requires an extensive search through a large number of records held by the NSPCA. It would not be possible for the NSPCA to collate all these records within 30 days of receipt of the Request (section 26(1)(a) of PAIA); and
 - 3.2. the Request requires a search for records situated across various provinces and towns, the collection and collation of which records cannot reasonably be completed within a period of 30 days from receipt of the Request (section 26(1)(b) of PAIA).
4. The NSPCA will accordingly revert with its decision on the request by no later than 9 June 2024, being 60 days from the date of receipt of the Request.
5. Notwithstanding the above, if Animal Law Reform South Africa is aggrieved with our decision to extend the time period to deal with the Request, we confirm that it is entitled to: (i) lodge a complaint with the Information Regulator within 180 days of our decision,



which complaint must be submitted in writing using the prescribed form; or (ii) lodge an application with a court within 180 days of our decision for appropriate relief.

6. We trust that this is in order and all of our rights are and remain reserved.

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of the Information Officer of the NSPCA.

INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE NSPCA