

08 December 2022

Animal Law Reform South Africa

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**RE: NOTICE OF EXTENTION IN TERMS OF SECTION 26 OF THE  
PROMOTION OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT 2 OF 2000.**

1. Your request made in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000 ("the Act") on behalf of the Animal Law Reform South Africa ("ALRSA"), dated 16 November 2022 was received by the National Council of SPCAs ("NSPCA") on 16 November 2022 and is being considered ("the request").
2. In terms of section 25(1) of the Act, the NSPCA's information officer must, as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event within 30 days ("the original period"), after the request is received decide whether to grant the request and notify the requester of that decision.
3. In terms of section 26, the information officer to whom a request for access has been made or transferred, may extend the period of 30 days referred to in section 25(1) once for a further period of not more than 30 days, if-



- (a) the request is for a large number of records or requires a search through a large number of records and compliance with the original period would unreasonably interfere with the activities of the public body concerned;
- (b) the request requires a search for records in, or collection thereof from, an office of the public body not situated in the same town or city as the office of the information officer that cannot reasonably be completed within the original period;
- (c) consultation among divisions of the public body or with another public body is necessary or desirable to decide upon the request that cannot reasonably be completed within the original period;
- (d) more than one of the circumstances contemplated in paragraphs (a),  
(b) and (c) exist in respect of the request making compliance with the original period not reasonably possible; or
- (e) the requester consents in writing to such extension.

4. The request itemises 12 distinct records many with sub-requests and pertains to records and documentation for the periods:

a) 1 November 2018 to November 2022. (**4 Years**)

5. The request is for a large number of records and compliance with the original period would unreasonably interfere with and otherwise frustrate the activities of the NSPCA.
6. Please take notice that accordingly the period of 30 days provided for in section 25(1) is hereby extended as provided for in section 26(1) of the Act for a further 30 days, that period expiring on 20 January 2022.
7. Take further notice that, pursuant to the above, you may lodge an internal appeal, a complaint to the Information Regulator or an application with a court, against the extension, and procedures incidental thereto, using the prescribed forms.
8. This notice in no way constitutes an undertaking that any one or all of the requests will be granted. A decision is still to be taken and will be conveyed as soon as reasonably possible.

Regards,



**Executive Director and Information Officer**