



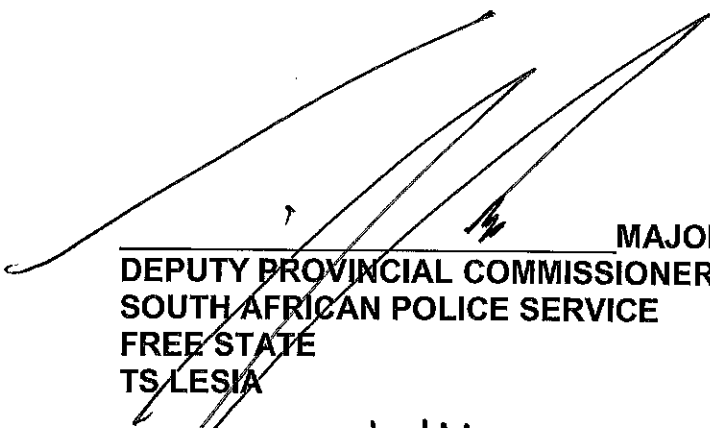
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South African Police Service  
Free State

**RURAL SAFETY: SAFEGUARDING OF DOGS USED AS INSTRUMENTS IN  
ILLEGAL HUNTING**

1. Head Office letter dated 2021/11/06 with same reference has bearing on the matter.
2. Your attention is drawn to paragraph 3-8 of the letter..
3. Certificate must be submitted that this letter is been bring under the attention of the Station commanders on or before **30 November 2021** for attention of Lt Col Gelderblom e-mail address: FS: PROVINCIAL RURAL SAFETY COORDINATOR
4. Your assistance will be highly appreciated.

  
MAJOR-GENERAL  
DEPUTY PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER: POLICING  
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Date :

2021/11/16

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**DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER  
VISIBLE POLICING AND OPERATIONS  
HEAD OFFICE**

All Provincial Commissioners  
**SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE**

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1. The National Commissioner confirmed that the South African Police Service (SAPS) is responsible to respond to the complaints, collect evidence, investigate the cases, prepare dockets to present to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), and to seize, safeguard and dispose of the evidence.
2. The National Commissioner agreed that the South African Police Service has a legal obligation in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act No. 51 of 1977) to ensure that evidence is safeguarded. In the instances of illegal hunting with dogs, the dogs used as "instruments" to commit the illegal hunting, are the evidence that must be safeguarded by the South African Police Service.
3. The fact that police stations are not equipped to kennel or feed these dogs, presents a serious challenge, however the onus falls on SAPS to safeguard such dogs, as no other Government Department/private entity has a legal mandate to kennel these dogs or to bear the costs of their kennelling.
4. Local Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCAs), other animal welfare shelters and certain farmers, are currently equipped to kennel and feed dogs. This is done in accordance with the specific requirements for the keeping of animals as prescribed in the Animal Protection Act, 1962 (Act No. 71 of 1962) and the Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1993 (Act No. 169 of 1963).
5. Due to the fact that (a) these dogs are exhibits in an investigation; (b) it is the responsibility of SAPS to carry the costs of safekeeping of evidence; and (c) the organisations which can assist with their care cannot carry the cost thereof, SAPS

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is required to pay the local SPCA or any other service provider for the care of these dogs until the investigations are completed.

6. In order to provide for the kennelling of dogs, the services of a suitable service provider must be procured, using the SAPS procurement procedures. Financial authority must also be obtained. The estimated amount involved will determine the procedure to be followed in this regard.
7. Provinces are herewith advised to obtain financial authority according to the procurement prescript to kennel dogs involved in illegal hunting at the local SPCA or another animal welfare shelter.
8. In cases where a Province is not sure if the SAPS should bear the cost to kennel the confiscated dogs the Provincial Head of Legal and Policy Services must be consulted.
9. Please bring the contents of this circular under the attention of all District/Cluster and Station Commanders and ensure that members on police station level are informed accordingly.
10. For any enquiries you are welcome to contact Colonel CE Muller from this office at [mullerc@saps.gov.za](mailto:mullerc@saps.gov.za) or telephone number 082 779 8611.
11. Your support and co-operation in this regard would be appreciated.



**LIEUTENANT GENERAL  
DIVISIONAL COMMISSIONER: VISIBLE POLICING AND OPERATIONS  
MM MOTLHALA (SOEG)**

Date: 2021-11-06