

**BOARD NOTICE 249 OF 2013****NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIETIES  
FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY  
TO ANIMALS****R U L E S****1      NEW RULE TO BE NUMBERED 6.28**

No person shall be admitted as a candidate to the Inspectors' qualifying course or any refresher course referred to in Rule 6.17 unless he/she produces to the employer Society a police clearance certificate reflecting that the candidate has no criminal record. A copy of such certificate shall be forwarded to the NSPCA with the candidate's application for admission to the course. In the event of the candidate having a criminal record, it shall be within the discretion of the Board to admit the candidate to the course or to refuse such admission.

**2      AMENDMENT TO RULE 6.18**

All sick or injured vervet monkeys and baboons admitted to an SPCA must be humanely euthanased. All non-injured primates must be kept for five days only and then euthanased. This period is to allow for a permit holder, in terms of the relevant nature conservation legislation, to claim the primate. This Rule will be reviewed on a 6-monthly basis.

**3      NEW RULE TO BE NUMBERED 2.14**

A      Whenever it becomes apparent to the Board that the management committee of a Society has ceased to function (henceforth referred to as "**the Society in question**") and the Board is of the opinion that the Society cannot function adequately until a new management committee can be elected by the members of the Society in due course and in terms of that Society's constitution, then –

A.1    the Board may notice appoint an interim committee ("**the interim committee**") comprised of the same number of members required in terms of the Society in question's constitution and which shall consist of persons selected by the Board from–

- (i)      that Society; and/or
- (ii)     members of the Board; and/or
- (iii)    members of any other Society; and/or
- (iv)    members of staff of the NSPCA and/or of any other Society;

A.2    the interim committee so appointed shall have all such powers and duties as are granted to the management committee of the Society in question under that Society's constitution to its management committee;

A.3    the Board shall fix the term of office of the Interim Committee.

B      Whenever the Board exercises the powers referred to in sub-rule (1), it must report the fact and the circumstances to the next ensuing general meeting of the NSPCA.

C      Any member of a Society that is aggrieved by a decision of the Board to appoint an interim committee shall notify the Board in writing of his or her dissatisfaction and the reasons therefore. In the event that the Board fails to address the member's grievances to the members satisfaction within 15 days of receipt of that member's written notice, then the member's grievances shall be referred to arbitration to be conducted under the aegis of the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa ("AFSA") and in terms of AFSA's Expedited Rules of Arbitration.

**4      NEW RULE TO BE NUMBERED 2.15**

A Society shall ensure that at least two (2) members of its Management Committee attend the Committee Training Course presented by Council within twelve months of the date of commencement of this Rule, and that they attend a refresher course every three years thereafter; provided that if any such committee member resigns from the committee, the Society shall designate another committee member to take the place of such member and such designated member shall attend the Committee Training Course next ensuing and attend a refresher training course within three years thereafter.

**5      AMENDMENT TO RULE 5.1**

The Annual General Meeting of members shall be called by the Management Committee within 4 months after the end of the financial year. At least 21 (twenty one) clear days which includes Saturdays and Sundays, notice shall be given by way of advertisement in not less than one issue of a newspaper circulating in the Society's area of operations. Alternatively, at least 14 (fourteen) days which includes Saturdays and Sundays notice in writing shall be sent by email, facsimile, telefax or post to all members entitled to attend and vote, but the non-receipt of such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting. The meeting shall be held at a public venue which shall include SPCA premises.

**6      NEW RULE TO BE NUMBERED 5.4 (d)**

When an SPCA receives a complaint which does not fall in their jurisdiction, they follow it all the way through until the complaint is resolved. The onus must rest on the reporting SPCA to ensure that the complaint is attended to and the appropriate action taken.

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