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**BOARD NOTICES • RAADSKENNISGEWINGS**

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**BOARD NOTICE 859 OF 2025****NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIETIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS****RULES****1. AMEND RULE 2.1**

A Society shall publish its name, telephone numbers including emergency telephone numbers and its physical address on any relevant and widely accessible platforms, such as the Society's website, social media channels (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, X), local online directories, and any other appropriate digital or print mediums that serve its area of operation. Outside of office hours the emergency number must be recorded on the main telephone number or the line must be forwarded to the emergency number should this function not be available. The emergency number must also be displayed clearly and legibly on the notice board at the gate of the Society.

**2. AMEND RULE 2.4**

A Society shall ensure that its qualified inspectors, trainee inspectors and field officers shall wear uniforms, badges and insignia as provided for by virtue of the criteria in terms of the National Training Policy, approved by Council from time to time, and which badges and insignia (i.e., epaulettes and flashes) shall be procured solely from Council at cost price.

**3. AMEND RULE 2.10**

No Society shall endorse any product, service, or company without the written consent of the Board, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Additionally, Societies shall not engage in marketing or promoting national brands on online platforms without prior written approval from the Board.

**4. AMEND RULE 2.15**

A Society shall ensure that at least two (2) members of its Management Committee attend the Committee Training Course presented by Council, whether in person or via an approved online platform, every three years, and shall further ensure that each member of the Management Committee attends the Committee Training Course, in person or online, on a rotational basis.

**5. AMEND RULE 6.18**

(a) All severely injured or compromised indigenous wildlife admitted to a SPCA that is / are in such condition that it would be cruel to keep them alive, must be humanely euthanased by an experienced, skilled and qualified person.

(b) All stray, surrendered, confiscated, sick or injured indigenous wildlife admitted to an SPCA must be transferred to a rehabilitation and release centre approved by the Council NSPCA to handle the species.

(c) If no approved rehabilitation and release centre is within reasonable distance, and alternative arrangements cannot be made to transport the animal to another approved rehabilitation and release centre or there is no approved rehabilitation and release centre able to rehabilitate and release the animal, the animal must be euthanased.

(d) A Society shall not take it upon itself to release indigenous wildlife. This can only be done with specialist knowledge and in accordance with Nature Conservation laws and regulations.

(e) A Society shall not hold any indigenous or exotic wildlife for a period exceeding 7 days, if seized in terms of Regulation 468. When any seized wildlife, both exotic and indigenous, are claimed in terms of Regulation 468, the Society shall make written representation to the Council Board for dispensation for an extension on the keeping of said animal(s), considering Rule 6.21 in its entirety, as well as legislated permitting requirements.

(f) A Society shall not hold any other indigenous or exotic wildlife not included in Rule 6.18(e) for a period exceeding 7 days, unless there is prior written dispensation issued by the Council Board, considering Rule 6.21 in its entirety, as well as legislated permitting requirements.

**6. AMEND RULE 6.24**

(a) Prior to homing an animal including owner claimed or stray, the Society shall ensure that it is micro-chipped. In the event that the Society is unable to do so for financial reasons or reasons that are not practicable then the humane alternative methods of identification shall be adopted. In the case of a dog or cat that cannot be micro-chipped, it must be fitted with a suitable collar and identity disc prior to it leaving the Society.

(b) Prior to homing it is mandatory that all farm animals, equine and exotic animals are micro-chipped in the correct manner by a suitably qualified and skilled person and registered on the appropriate data base. The NSPCA may, from time to time, publish in its Operations Manual approved humane methods of microchipping exotic animals. In the absence of such a humane and practical method, the following animals are excluded: budgerigars, canaries, cockatiels, goldfish, and small rodents.

**7. AMEND RULE 6.27**

In the case of an animal being adopted into the jurisdiction of another SPCA, the adoption application form and all relevant paperwork will be sent to the Society responsible for the area in which the adopter resides. Under no circumstances will an SPCA conduct a pre-home inspection solely based on receiving a phone call that provides an address.

**8. AMEND RULE 6.32**

(a) A Society must ensure that all dogs and cats adopted from the society are vaccinated against Rabies prior to leaving the Society.

(i) In the event the adopted animal is too young to be vaccinated, a contractual agreement should be signed with the new owner to bring the animal back to the SPCA for the vaccine on an agreed date, alternatively, they can have their pet vaccinated at their own veterinarian, at their cost, and supply proof of the vaccine to the Society, within 1 month from the animal reaching such suitable vaccination age, failing which the Society shall repossess such animal.

(b) Impounded and/or stray dogs and cats, who are owner-claimed, are also to be vaccinated against Rabies prior to leaving the Society, except if an objection, recorded in writing, is made by the owner(s).