

## **WRSA Condemns Animal Cruelty at Klerksdorp Predator Facility**

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Wildlife Ranching South Africa (WRSA) strongly condemns the severe animal cruelty revealed in the NSPCA's 26 March 2025 report on a tiger breeding facility in Klerksdorp. The report, based on an inspection conducted on 24 January 2025, exposes shocking neglect and suffering of animals.

WRSA denounces these horrific conditions, which violate fundamental animal welfare principles and industry standards. No animal should suffer undue pain, injury, or disease. Ethical wildlife management requires disease prevention, veterinary care, appropriate shelter, and humane handling—standards that were grossly disregarded in this case.

WRSA calls for a full investigation and prosecution of those responsible.

We are also deeply concerned by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment's (DFFE) failure to prevent this tragedy and enforce the legally required keeping conditions for the animals. This regulatory negligence allowed cruelty to persist unchecked.

WRSA remains committed to ethical wildlife management and demands accountability for both the perpetrators of this cruelty and the authorities who failed to prevent it.

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