

PROBLEMS WITH STRAY ANIMALS

It has come to the attention of the Municipality that donkeys, goats, cattle and pigs are moving all over our residential and business area without any supervision by their owners and without any permit from the Municipality. This is a health risk and also poses a high possibility of accidents taking place in the municipal area.

In terms of the By – law No. 13, 2008 paragraph no. 4 it is clearly stated that “grazing permit is required to graze stock on common pasture”. The residents are no longer following the proper steps or procedures in keeping animals and also are not ensuring that their animals are not roaming around posing risks for the road users and residents. Graves at the cemeteries are damaged as a result of these animals moving into the grave yards for grazing purposes.

The attention of all emerging farmers is drawn to the steps that will be taken towards the owners of these stray animals when they are found roaming around freely in the communities and in town as this has been addressed on several occasions in the meetings with emerging farmers.

The following steps will be taken as there is no cooperation from the farmers:

- Animals will be moved into a safe place to try and locate their owners.
- Owners will be fined for animals found roaming around in the communities as the Municipality allocated camps to the emerging farmers on the commonage land.
- As the municipality is not having a pound, an arrangement will be made with the nearby municipalities where pounding facilities are available to move those animals to those areas. Owners will carry all the costs involved in the process.
- Should any of the stock be involved in an accident, the owner will carry all costs claimed against the municipality and all legal costs that will be paid for the claim.

The committee that was established is hereby requested to work with the Municipality to overcome this lawlessness by our emerging farmers. The Municipality belongs to all that stays in it, let us hold hands to ensure that we maintain clean and safe environment.

By order

MUNICIPAL MANAGER