

Press release

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Animal cruelty charges laid against woman who strangled her dogs

The Cape of Good Hope SPCA and SAPS have laid charges of animal cruelty against the Ottery woman who strangled two of her fox terriers to death on Thursday (26 November) evening.

SPCA Inspector Jaco Pieterse, who was the first person on the scene following reports from neighbours, said that the accused would appear in the Wynberg magistrates court on Tuesday (1 December) for a first appearance.

The woman was taken into custody for her own safety by Grassy Park SAPS after they were forced to enter her house and allow the SPCA to attend to the animals. She was released on Friday.

The SPCA removed the bodies of the two fox terriers, which according to a pathologists report were strangled to death. A third fox terrier, which was unharmed, is being cared for by the SPCA. The condition of all three dogs was good but the pathologists report showed that the two strangled dogs had not been fed on the day they were killed.

Whilst there is no explanation at this stage as to what might have driven the woman to kill her dogs, the accused has claimed that they were fighting.

The CoGH SPCA will investigate the case further and through the courts will attempt to ensure that the accused is denied future ownership of any animal.

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