

Statement – SPCA is not closing down

In response to the hoax email being circulated that the SPCA is closing down, see statement below from the NSPCA website (www.nspca.co.za) on this issue for your information:-

Even if this e-mail arrives in your mailbox on any official company letterhead - IT IS STILL A HOAX!!

This is also a good reason for checking facts before signing or believing everything that comes your way via e-mail:

It is usually titled SPCA SHUTTING DOWN or SPCA CLOSING DOWN. It was sent out some years ago, and it costs 2 employees approximately 4-5 valuable hours each every month to set the record straight.

This unauthorised (albeit well-intended but misinformed) e-mail has been circulating the internet for some years and has caused enormous headaches for the NSPCA and its member SPCAs, particularly with potential supporters. After all, who wants to support an organisation that they perceive as closing!!

There are 92 SPCAs in South Africa and although some of the smaller societies do struggle for survival due to their locations, there is no way that the movement itself would close down. The SPCA as a whole undertakes over 90% of all animal welfare investigations and prosecutions.

The SPCA movement is also controlled by its own statutory Act of Parliament even though no funds are received from government.

People who are concerned enough to care, can make a difference by getting the name and contact telephone number of their nearest SPCA off the NSPCA website or out of their local telephone directory and either make a donation towards the SPCA`s work or volunteer their services, dedicated volunteers always being welcome.

Please update the person who e-mailed the hoax mail to you with this information.