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Good Animal Welfare as the Cornerstone of Sustainable Development: South African Experiences



Africa Animal Welfare Conference
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Introduction

Household Use



**ANIMALS PROTECTION ACT
NO 71 OF 1962**

**SANS 1031:2014
SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL
STANDARD**

Animal harnessing and
hitching

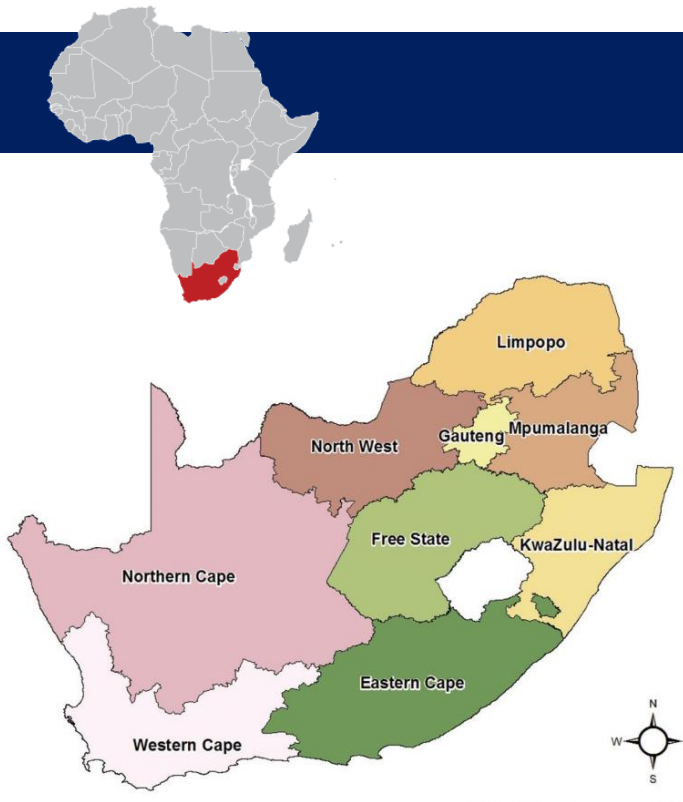
Commercial Use for Transport



**SANS 1025:2015
SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL
STANDARD**

Animal drawn vehicles

**OIE
Chapter 7.12
WELFARE OF WORKING
EQUIDS ARTICLE 7.12.1**



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Challenges



Living Conditions



Working Conditions

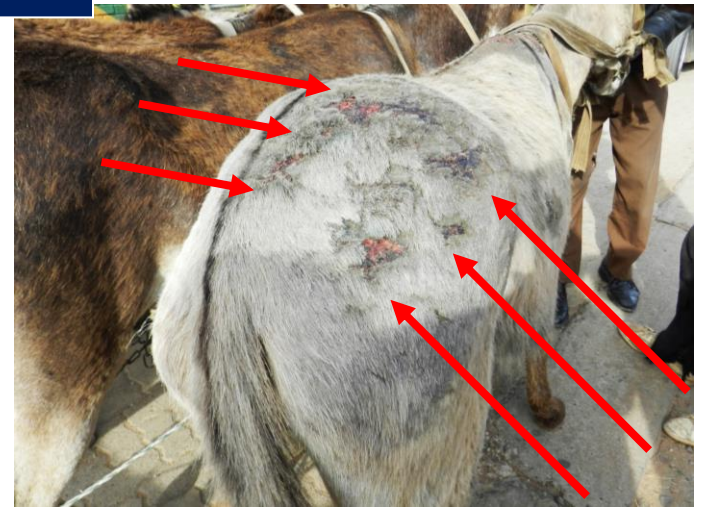
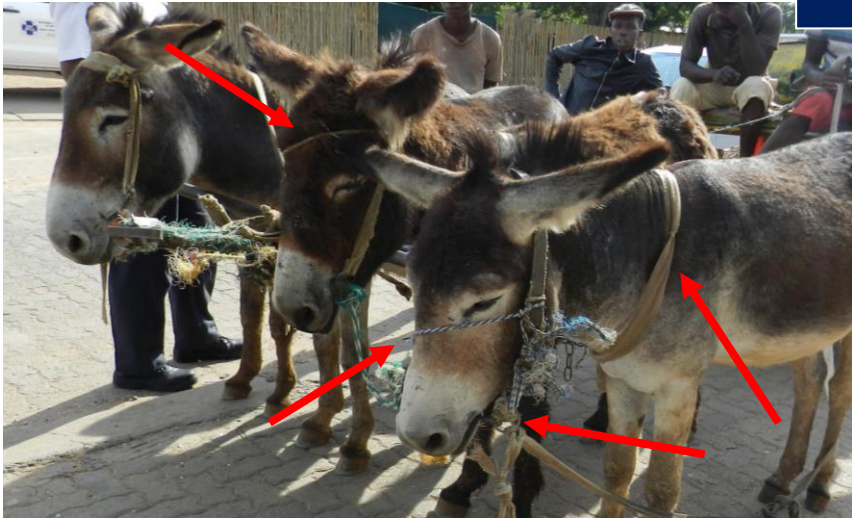


Working Donkeys in A Violent Society - donkeys are also victims of violence:- typically stabbing and burning





Case Study

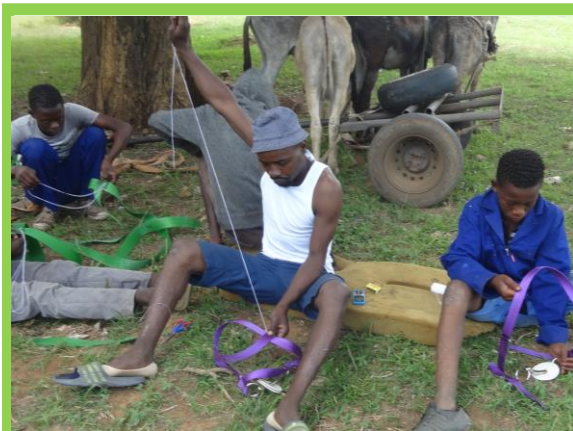


Remarkable African animals - donkeys are stoic and hardy, living and working in harsh conditions and subject to ongoing abuse and neglect. When donkeys cannot work, they are easy to replace (even "loan"). Cruelty and suffering is sustained. How do we interrupt this cycle of violence?

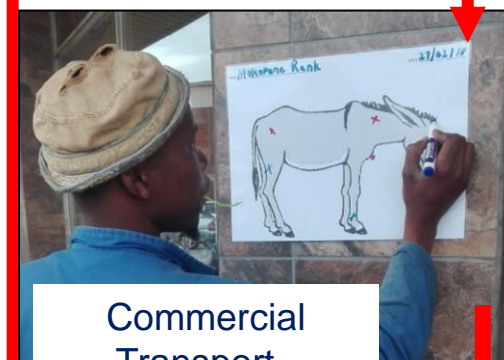
Strategies



Interfacing with
Role-Players



Harnessing and Primary Health
Care Workshops & Education



Commercial
Transport -
Driver Awareness



Strategies to improve welfare and alleviate suffering of working donkeys should include Law Enforcement



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Adapting to Challenges



Organisational



Key Country Obstacles

- Skills
 - Finances
 - Resources
 - Empathy
- } Drivers

- Funding
 - Capacity
- } NGOs

- Governance
- Enforcement
- Economy
- Climate Change
- Entrenched beliefs and behaviors

Are interventions sustainable?



Call to Action

Good animal welfare must be sustained with a multi-disciplinary approach.
We must all play a pro-active role in promoting the sentience and intrinsic value of animals as well as their preventing suffering.
Together we can build **One Community** where animals and people share a mutually beneficial and kind relationship



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One Health One Welfare



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FARM ANIMAL WELFARE

Sustainability versus Welfare



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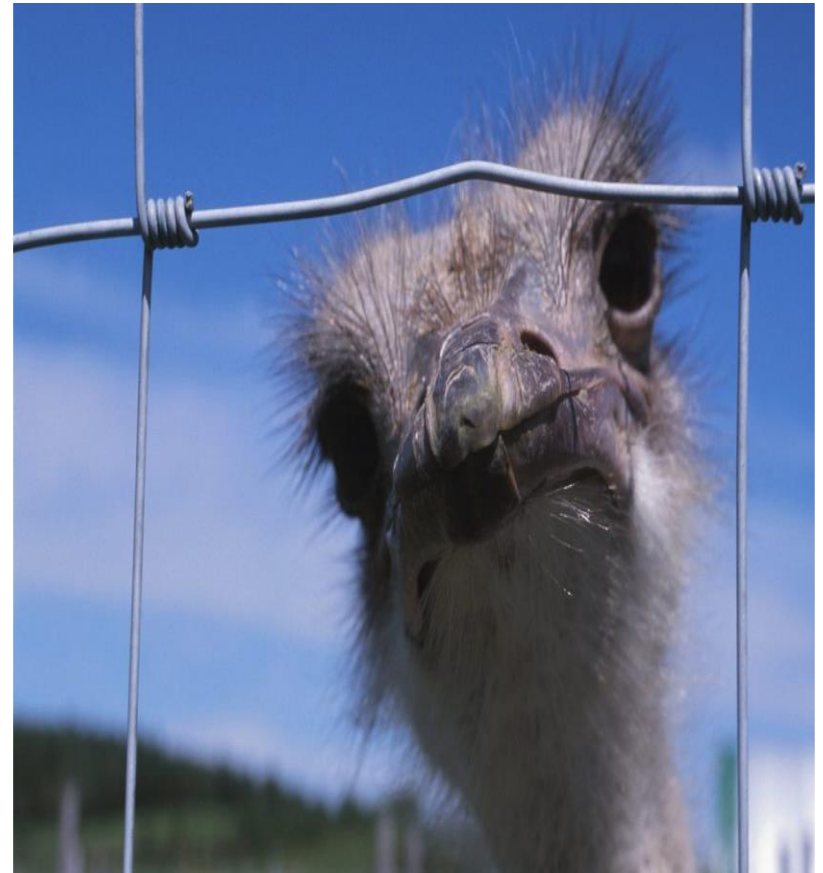
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Sustainability vs Animal Welfare

- Definition of Sustainability
- Animal-welfare and Sustainability

The relationships between sustainability, the high demand for food security, welfare and the impact on the environment are complex and difficult to balance.



South African Case Studies

- **Case Study 1 – Muelsing of Sheep**
- Practiced Globally
- Animal Cruelty / Prosecution
- Australia forced to Change
- South Africa Eligible
- Persistence and Success
- An excellent example of how sustainability and welfare co-exist.



South African Case Studies

- **Study 2. Piggery / Poultry farm**
- Government Funded Project
- Poor Mentorship / Skills
- Sustainability
- Financial Management
- Animal Cruelty
- Prosecution



GLOBAL WELFARE TRENDS

- Projected Population **10 Billion / 2050**
- The global challenge.
- Environmental management, animal welfare and corporate sustainability commitments may not always align
- The Consumer.
- Products Produced more Sustainability.



Caution with Advancement

- Prospect of advancement
- Secure Appropriate Funding – Government / Banks etc.
- Mentorship and Support
- Skills Development and Training
- Infrastructure and Equipment
- Research to Markets
- Disaster Planning- Natural and Disease – Bio Security
- Developing Animal Legislation , Minimum Standards and Policies
- Law enforcement
- Prioritizing welfare.



CONCLUSION

Let the Animal decisions you make today be the choices you are able to live with tomorrow.

Be Kind, Caring and Compassionate to Animals

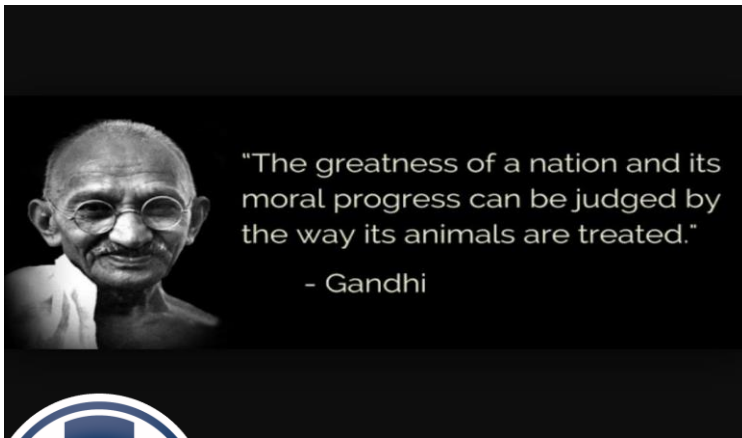
The way we treat animals today will determine how we live tomorrow.

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