

Dear Honorable Minister Creecy and Dr Naicker,

I have taken notice of the many reports which came out on the breeding place of lions, Olivia, owned by Charl Terblanche, in your country. It's shocking to read about this incident, which was, according to SPCA 'one of the worst cases of animal cruelty they have ever witnessed'.

<https://www.sapeople.com/2021/10/03/30-lions-euthanised-after-burning-in-free-state-fires-in-shocking-animal-cruelty-case/?fbclid=IwAR1srVs7kYIqknDngF1gAoSxVMiCKws3Zj7T3L2mo4IIKYgS3Twednf6fQk>

I fear that cases like these will be uprising since the owners of these lions can not make any money out of these animals. That might result in not feeding and in other ways, a severe negligence of these animals. I therefore urge you to take precautions to make sure cases like these will be prevented. All breeding places for lions should be investigated in the near future and this should be a top priority. It should also be clear to lion breeders that cases of neglect won't be tolerated and will as well, have consequences. An official statement from your side, in my opinion, would help.

I therefore urge you to make an official statement on this case. Not only for the welfare of the animals at stake but also for the good name of South Africa. Stories like these are not beneficial for the brand South Africa.

Best Regards,