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INTRODUCTION

The collection contains court records, correspondence, notes and press cuttings relating to the legal matter between the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NSPCA) and African Game Services / African Game Properties, held at the Magistrate's Court for the District of Brits, held at Brits.

The papers were compiled by Fiona Macleod, who was the Environmental reporter working for the newspaper Mail & Guardian, covering the case of the Tuli Elephants.

Between 1998 and 2000, thirty wild baby elephants were forcibly removed from their mothers and families in Botswana and taken to South Africa, where their spirits were intentionally broken for captive exhibition and display to feed the trade in wild animals.

Because of the conditions under which these elephants were 'trained', a case of cruelty to animals was brought against wild-life dealer and owner of African Game Services (AGS), Riccardo Ghiazza, and his employee. Five years later they were found guilty. The legal wrangle around the Tuli elephants illustrated how weak animal protection legislation is in South Africa.

(Excerpts from the book "Animal Rights in South Africa", by Michele Pickover, published 2005 by Double Storey)

COLLECTION

- A VOLUMES OF COURT RECORDS, 1998, 3 boxes
 - A 1 Volume 1, pages 1 - 83, 1f
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 - A 11 Volume 11, pages 1019 - 1090, 1f
 - A 12 Volume 12, pages 1091 - 1228, 1f

- B FURTHER EVIDENCE AND AFFIDAVITS, 1998, 4f
 - B1 Affidavits by Cedric Allan and Marcelle French, 1f
 - B2 Evidence from Farrinato, Cheater, Meltzer and Address, 1f
 - B3 Legal correspondence and copies of exhibits, mainly newspaper cuttings, 1f
 - B4 Examination of Craig Saunders, 1f

- C POSITION PAPERS AND STATEMENTS, 1997-1999, 3f
 - C1 Statements and Affidavits by elephant experts and eye witnesses, 1f
 - C2 Rhino & Elephant Foundation South Africa, 1998-1999, 1f
 - C3 National Council of SPCA's, 1998-1999, 1f

- D CORRESPONDENCE, 1998-2000, 1f
Including amongst others with the Nort West Parks and Tourism Board and the Northern Tuli Game Reserve in Botswana
- E NOTES, 1998-1999, 5f
Handwritten notes with background information about persons and events
- E1 Notes, 1998, 2f
E2 Notes, 1999, 2f
E3 General notes, n.d., 1f
- F TULI CHAPTER, 1999-2002, 2f
Relating to a book chapter on the Tuli Elephants for the book "Animal Rights in South Africa", by Michele Pickover, published 2005 by Double Storey. Contains proofs for editing, with notes by Jaclyn Cock; and background material.
- G NEWS REPORTS AND NEWSPAPER CLIPS, 1995-2002, 5f
- G1 News reports from Press Agencies and Press statements, 2f
G2 Newspaper clips, 1998-1999 & undated, 2f
G3 Other publications, 1995-2002, 1f
Including: journal articles; 'Elephant management in South Africa' by J Sturgeon and V Hylton, Africa Resources Trust, 1995; IFAW address to Portfolio Committee, Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Cape Town, 1997