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RSPCA South Australia vs Gristwood

The following statement is attributable to Ms Andrea Lewis, RSPCA South Australia Chief Inspector:

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“RSPCA South Australia attended the Adelaide Magistrates Court on Wednesday the 2nd of September, to present evidence against Susan Gristwood, who has been charged with multiple ill-treatment offences under the Animal Welfare Act.

“The charges include one count of neglect so as to cause harm relating to 40 cows with lice infestation, and one count of failure to provide adequate food relating to 29 cows.

“It is alleged that an RSPCA South Australia Inspector visited the Gristwood property in late August 2014, finding cattle and calves in emaciated condition suffering badly from lice infestation. It is also alleged that the Inspector found the bodies of 10 deceased cattle at the property.

“Following an examination by an RSPCA veterinarian, the cows were seized by RSPCA officers and transported to an agistment property where they regained significant body condition and their general health improved. One cow’s bodyweight increased by 44% in just two months.

“The matter is still on going before the courts, with the next appearance scheduled for October 9th.”

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