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**Dierebeskermings-
vereniging**

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To whom it may concern,

Patient: Gxugxu, a Pinto gelding of approximately 15-20 years old.

History: Surrendered on 21 March 2024 by owner, Mr Patrick Belu.

Clinical exam: The horse presented in a poor general condition.

Body condition score of 3/9 (BCS of 4.5/9 being normal).

Very poor dentition with maxillary premolars and molars almost worn to the gum and mandibular premolars with sharp overgrown ridges.

Blinded right eye.

Severe arthritis in left and right front fetlock joints with very limited range of motion especially flexion of joints, right fetlock worse than left, with clear signs of pain. Pronounced lameness of right front leg in trot.

Obvious sway back with severe and chronic non healing open saddle sores.

Tick bite scarring between hind legs and under tail.

Diagnosis: Debilitating arthritis in both front legs with concurrent lameness in right front leg, severe sway back with non healing saddle sores due to poor fitting saddles, poor dentition due to old age with resultant poor body condition.

This horse is too old and painful to work. In my professional opinion, he should be humanely euthanized and put to rest.

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