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**Dierebeskermings-
vereniging**

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To whom it may concern,

Patient: Donkey , approximately 15-20 years old.

History: Collected from Stilbaai after a complaint was received from a concerned member of the public.

Clinical exam:

Body condition score of 3.5/9 (BCS of 4.5/9 being normal).

Severe back pain especially pronounced over caudal thoracic and lumbar vertebrae.

Poor dentition with premolars and molars having sharp overgrown ridges.

Corneal oedema and scarring in the right eye.

Dermatitis on head and ears characterized by circular crusty lesions of alopecia/hair loss.

All four legs were severely affected by biting flies leaving bleeding areas of alopecia and extreme discomfort.

Diagnosis: Clinically significant back pain most likely due to arthritic changes or kissing spine. Poor dentition due to old age. Dermatitis as result of uncontrolled external parasite burden.

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