



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

Please find below the veterinary report for the German Shepherd admission number 44530, confiscated from 3 Wessex Street, Paarden Eiland and evaluated at the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The Maitland SAPS OB No is 186/02/2022

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species : Canine

Breed: German Shepherd Dog

Sex: Male, Intact

Age: Adult

Name: -

Description: Black and Brown, Long matted fur

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- On examination the animal was moderately overweight with a body condition score of 7/9 on the purina body condition score system. The fur was in a poor condition and heavily matted. A mild lameness was noted at a walk. On sedated evaluation the cruciates and hips felt normal.
- Radiographs showed mild subluxation of the hips but no thickening of the femur heads, indicating very early signs of hip dysplasia. The cause of hip dysplasia is usually multifactorial and linked to genetics, quality of feed, and weight of the animal, with overweight animals being more prone to it.
- This condition is expected to worsen over the next few years. The animal can still currently work, but will require to be placed on a diet to regain the correct body condition score of 4 or 5 of 9. Additionally feeding with a joint specific diet or adding supplements to the feed to reduce joint inflammation is recommended. Daily pain control is not currently needed.
- A yearly check up is also recommended to monitor if the condition progresses.

COMMENTS

The main concerns noted were the poor coat condition which required more regular care from the owner in the form of regular brushing and washing. Additionally weight loss is required.

Yours sincerely

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