



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

Please find below the veterinary report for the German Shepherd admission number 44531, confiscated from 3 Wessex Street, Paarden Eiland and evaluated at the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The SAPS OB number is 186/02/2022

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species : Canine

Breed: German Shepherd Dog

Sex: Male, Intact

Age: Adult

Name: -

Description: Black and Brown, 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. All the canines were broken and worn, and should have been removed by a veterinarian. A severe lameness in the hind quarters was noted at a walk, with reduced extension of the hips and bunny hopping at a trot. On sedated evaluation the cruciate ligaments felt normal and there was reduced range of motion of the left hip.
- Radiographs showed severe hip dysplasia of the left hip with thickening of the left femur head, advanced 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 is no longer fit for work and will require lifelong pain control as well as possibly surgery to control the pain in its pelvis. He will also be required to be placed on a diet to regain the correct body condition score of 4 or 5 of 9 and reduce the strain placed in his hips.

COMMENTS

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

Should the owner be unwilling or unable to obtain regular veterinary care for their animal and chronic pain control, it is recommended that the animal be humanely euthanased to prevent further suffering.

Yours sincerely

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