



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

On 25 July 2023 SPCA Inspector Taljaard presented a dog collected from 4 Kingsway, South Field, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Canine
Breed: Doberman
Sex: Female, intact
Age: Young Adult
Tattoo/Microchip/Other: Nil
Name: Unknown
Description: Black and Tan.

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of conditions: Hands-off examination revealed that there were multiple healed and scarred puncture wounds in the skin from the level of both shoulders to the feet and the hips to the feet on all four limbs. The animal also had a poor body condition. Her ribs, spine and hips were clearly visible as there was little to no fat covering the prominences under the skin.
- **Duration** of condition: Chronic
- **Cause** of the condition: Due to the location, shape and depth of the scarring of the skin, these wounds were most likely caused by dog bite wounds. The poor body condition is likely due to poor nutrition.
- **Prognosis** – good with care to wounds and optimal nutrition.
- **Recommendation:** The animal should be rehomed to a household that is able to keep her away from harm of dog bights/fights and that is able to provide adequate nutrition and space for such a breed(Dobermans are active dogs that require lots of space and activity).

COMMENTS

The dog exhibited very timid and fearful behaviour when handled – behaviour indicative of a dog that has not been handled or socialised in a suitable manner and that is fearful of human and animal interaction. The living conditions as described to me and that I observed in the photographic evidence are unacceptable.

In my opinion this animal lived in unacceptable conditions where she was repeatedly neglected by being exposed to dog bites. She also did not receive adequate nutrition or space to move freely.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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