



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

On Tuesday, 10 October 2023 at approximately 12h30 SPCA Inspector Lee presented a dog collected from 42 Van Der Stell St, Bellville. The animal had been confiscated from the owners.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Dog

Breed: Mixed breed (Collie type)

Sex: Male, Sterilised

Age: Unknown, middle-aged adult

Tattoo/Microchip/Other: Nil

Name: Unknown

Description: Black with white markings (typical of a collie cross)

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- The animal had a severe skin condition. Areas of hair loss were evident around the eyes, distal front and hind limbs, the ventrum (bottom of the chest and abdomen) and the base of the tail.
- The duration of the condition was evidently subacute to chronic (lasting at least 2 weeks) due to the crusting of the skin, extent of the hair loss and hyperkeratosis (thickening of the skin)
- Given the distribution of the lesions as well as the clinical signs such as severe itching, redness of the skin and flaking skin it is most likely that the lesions are caused by sarcoptic mange mite infestation. A skin scrape performed at the hospital confirmed the presence of these mites.
- **Recommendation:** Given that the condition described above has been ongoing for quite some time, sufficient for an owner to make an intervention, with no apparent treatment attempts it is recommended that the animal not return to the environment from where he was confiscated. Due to the infectious nature of the condition posing a risk to other animals in the institution, and under the terms of The Animal Protections Act (Act 71 of 1962) it is recommended that the animal be humanely euthanised by lethal injection.

COMMENTS

In my opinion this animal was left with the condition for a period of time where intervention could have been made to treat the abovementioned condition.

Yours sincerely

Dr Reece Terblanche (BVSc)
Veterinarian

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