



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern
Report for A11711

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Equine
Breed: Thoroughbred X
Sex: Male, gelded
Age: Adult Approx. 10 years (estimation by dentition)
Tattoo/Microchip/Other: Nil
Name: Diamond
Description: Chestnut, white socks on hindlimbs, white blaze

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

The animal was clearly in pain and biting anyone who would near him.
Diamond is in an emaciated condition. BCS of 1/5. Multiple sites of hair loss due to abrasions and scabs were noted on the left elbow, left and right hips and right hind limb at the level of the stifle.
There were no external parasites noted on the animal.

The animal had an abnormal gait with non-weight bearing lameness of the left front limb. A large 30cm diameter swelling is present over the left shoulder joint. The swelling is hard and painful on palpation. No external wounds were apparent over the site of the swelling.
The right front limb was swollen with pitting oedema from the middle of the cannon bone to the hoof. This swelling is most likely due to inactivity and constant weight-bearing.

The above injuries are consistent with the history of the animal. Inspectors informed me that Diamond had been in a motor vehicle accident and was struck by a vehicle on a busy main road 3 weeks prior. I suspect that the swelling of the left shoulder is a point of impact and most likely is a fracture of the distal scapula or proximal humerus. Muscle wasting on the affected limb points to non-use for an extended period of time.

Clinical exam:
Heart rate- 28 bpm
Breathing- 16bpm
Mucous membranes- Pink, moist and glistening
Temperature- 37.1 degrees Celsius
Gut sounds: ¾ in all quadrants

COMMENTS

In my opinion this animal is in poor condition and has injuries that needed urgent veterinary care. Diamond has been in a great amount of pain for an extended period of time due to the

suspected fracture of the bones in his left front limb and the apparent muscle wasting of said limb.

Yours sincerely

Dr R Terblanche (BVSc)
Veterinarian

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