



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

On 3rd October 2024 I was presented with a dog named Oscar who was confiscated by SPCA Inspector Rowan from the address 53 Cavalry Crescent, Ottery.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Oscar
Species: Dog
Breed: Pitbull
Sex: Male sterilised
Age: Adult
Tattoo/Microchip/Other: Nil
Description: White and brown
Case number: A16756
Inspectorate number: 131/10/2024

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition:
Friendly nature, good body condition
Blood smear: NAD
Skin scrape: No mites seen
Ear smear findings: Bilateral cocci, rods and fungi seen (Moderate)
Ear exam: Dry, Chronic changes and thickening of skin noted, external ear is dirty
Coat: Generalised hair loss and thinning on ventral abdomen, medial extremities and inguinal region, skin is inflamed with lichenification indicating skin condition has been chronic. Hair loss and inflamed skin on ventral neck. Skin is very dry and sensitive.

Differential diagnosis include Contact dermatitis (As affected areas are ventral sites), Food allergy and Atopy. Diagnosis can only be made once food allergy has been ruled out via diet trial. Complex skin cases should be referred to a veterinary specialist. Sensitive skin is also predisposed to skin cancer if an animal spend long duration in the sun.

Ear infections are often secondary to a skin condition, if primary problem is not treated, Oscar will have a chronic ear infection which can become resistant to treatment.

- **Duration** of the condition: Chronic.
- **Prognosis** – Poor unless managed
- **Recommendation** –

Due to chronic nature of the skin condition, it is difficult to treat and Oscar will need a skin work up, this includes an 8 week diet trial of a Skin specific hypoallergenic diet to see if there

is any improvements. We also recommend the use of essential fatty acid skin supplements such as Mirracote or Efazol as well as F10 shampoo baths weekly for 4 weeks. In the case of Atopy or contact dermatitis, an animal may need lifelong medications.

We will need to see Oscar monthly to monitor him and see the progress of his treatment.

While Oscar is in our care, we have started Oscar on treatment for his ear infection as well as steroid therapy to bring down inflammation of his skin.

COMMENTS

In my opinion this animal has suffered unnecessarily, it is evident the condition has been long standing and that Oscar was left to be in a very uncomfortable and painful state as he did not receive any therapy for his skin condition which affects quite a large region of his body.

Yours sincerely

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