



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 9th of August 2024,

I, Dr Helen Aldrich, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog presented to me by Inspector Rowan, where he collected the dog as a stray from 17 Addax Crescent, Silvertown.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Dog
Breed: Cross breed
Sex: Female, intact
Age: Adult
Name: Unknown
Description: Tan and white
Identification: None

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

The dog in question presented as a stray with the main clinical sign of stiffness on the hindquarters and wounds on the left hind paws. Radiographs showed left craniodorsal hip luxation, meaning that the head of the femur was displaced out of the hip socket up and forwards towards the head.

- **Duration** of the condition

This condition is acute, as evidenced by the lack of remodelling on radiographs.

- **Cause** of the condition

In my experience, this injury is most commonly due to blunt force trauma i.e. hit by car.

- **Prognosis** – Poor without orthopaedic surgical interventions

- **Recommendation**

The dog above would need a femur head and neck excision surgery or more complicated orthopaedic procedures in order to regain normal function of her left hip, the recovery of which is very intensive and risky. The condition is very painful as there is bone on bone contact and loss of symmetry in the gait. It is therefore my recommendation that this dog be humanely euthanised in order to limit further suffering.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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