



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

On 17th October 2024 ,SPCA Inspector Lwazi presented with a dog named Thor who was surrendered by Karin Groenewald of Deft Area.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Thor
Species: Dog
Breed: Mixed breed
Sex: Male intact
Age: Adult
Tattoo/Microchip/Other: Nil
Description: Black/ tan/white Medium size
Case number: A45342

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition:

Thor presented with a deeply embedded chain around his neck, chain weight 1.65kg resulting in a deep infected wound along his dorsal neck extending half way of the diameter of his neck. There was pus like discharge and a very foul smell from the wounds. At evaluation, granulation tissue was present at the wound, indicating that the wound is not recent, it is safe to say this animal has had this injury for more than 3 weeks.

Mucous membranes: Pale pink

Coat: Dry, scaling, fleas present, ticks present

Body condition score: Very poor for his frame size, bony prominences of pelvis visible and spinous processes along back evident. Thor has generalised loss of muscle mass and is emaciated. 3 out of 9 on the Nestle Purina Body Condition System

Poor habitus, undergone mental and physical trauma from being constricted and confined for long periods.

Genital: Cryptorchid , intact male.

Blood smear: Mild neutrophilia, monocytosis, and very few platelets. Concern for ehrlichiosis, a type of tick bite fever.

- **Duration** of the condition: Chronic
- **Prognosis** – VERY Poor
- **Recommendation** – Humane euthanasia due to severe and infected wounds

COMMENTS

To prevent further pain and suffering of this animal, Thor was humanely euthanised on 17/10/24. It must be emphasised that although surrendered by his owner, under their care Thor has suffered unnecessarily and was in daily pain for a **very prolonged** period. Owners have failed to provide basic care and veterinary intervention to this animal.

Yours sincerely

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