



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 16th of October 2024,
I, Dr Helen Aldrich, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog presented to me by
Inspector Julian, where he collected the dog as a surrender from a Christina Bernardus of 200
Montchello Street, Wesbank, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Dog
Breed: Cross breed
Sex: Female intact
Age: + 4-5 months
Name: Cleo
Description: Black

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

Cleo presented with a severe chronic-active circumferential infected laceration type wound that tracked around the neck ventrally and over the base of the left ear dorsally. The wound has a foul smell to it and was covered in an orange substance consistent with mercurochrome, indicating someone may have attempted to treat the wounds. Upon closer examination, an elastic band was found lodged deep within the wound (almost down to the trachea) and identified as the cause.

Other abnormalities:

1. Moderate emaciation with a body condition score of 3/9 according to the Nestle Purine BC System.
2. Pale mucous membranes (indicating anaemia)
3. Moderate tick/flea infestation

- **Duration** of the condition

Chronic

- **Cause** of the condition

An elastic band was found deep within the wound. It is thought the elastic band was placed sometime ago on the neck. The elastic band started contracting and cut the skin as it did. Over time as the elastic band cut deeper and deeper into the skin of the neck. Infection started to set in and the body tried to regrow tissue over the band, resulting in a chronic infected wound due to a foreign body. It is likely this wound would have been developing for at least one month's duration.

- **Prognosis** – Very poor

- **Recommendation**

This animal suffered unnecessarily over a long period of time. There is also evidence of chronic neglect due to the tick/flea burden and poor body condition. Due to the severity of the wounds, the recommendation was made to humanely euthanise the animal to limit further suffering.

Yours sincerely

Dr H Aldrich (BVSc)

Veterinarian

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