



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 29th of October 2024,

I, Dr Helen Aldrich, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog presented to me by Inspector J Mfini, who confiscated the dog from 264 Sixth Avenue Lotus River, Cape Town from a Natalie Fronke. The dog was confiscated after warnings were issued requesting the dog to be brought for veterinary treatment and the owner failed to comply with requirements.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Dog
Breed: Pitbull X
Sex: Female, intact
Age: +- 12 years
Name: Coco
Description: Tan, white
Case number: INSP207527 or A49939

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

The dog in question presented with the following pathologies:

1. Severe emaciation with a body condition score of 1/9 according to the Nestle Purina BC System.
2. Severe tick and flea burden
3. Severe attrition (excessive wear) of all teeth, resulting in root exposure
4. Non-healing wound on the left front carpus
5. Moderate pressure sores on bony prominences

- **Duration** of the condition

Chronic

- **Cause** of the condition

In my experience, the above pathologies are associated with chronic neglect in the form of lack of adequate nutrition in quality or quantity resulting in severe emaciation and muscle atrophy as well as lack of tick/flea treatment to prevent excessive tick/flea burden. Severe attrition of the teeth is often caused by excessive chewing of bones or hard substances (can be associated with lack of stimulation). The pressure sores result from having an inadequate subcutaneous fat layer to cover bony regions as well as lying on a hard surface with no soft padding.

- **Prognosis** – Poor

- **Recommendation**

In my opinion this animal suffered unnecessarily over a long period of time due to chronic neglect, resulting in violation of three of the five Animal Freedoms: namely "freedom from hunger and thirst", "freedom from pain, injury or disease" and "freedom from discomfort due to environment". The long-term prognosis for this dog is poor as its dental attrition cannot be corrected medically or surgically, resulting in difficulty chewing or eating food. Thus the

recommendation was made to humanely euthanise this dog in order to prevent further suffering.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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