



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 8th of November 2024,

I, Dr Helen Aldrich, was requested to perform a veterinary report on two pigs confiscated by Inspector Mfini from Raithby, Cape Town. These pigs were confiscated after the owner did not comply with three warnings issued for the pigs to receive medical treatment.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Pig

Sex: 2 x Females

Age: 2 x Adult

Description: White

Case number: A90698 and A90697

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

The pigs in question presented with the following pathologies:

1. Moderate emaciation evidenced by the poor body condition score (BCS 2 out of 5 as the ribs, dorsal spinous processes and pin bones were easily visualised and palpated)
2. Moderate to severe generalised hair loss and itching

- **Duration** of the condition

Chronic

- **Cause** of the condition

In my experience, both of the above pathologies are as a result of chronic neglect. The emaciation is due to chronic lack of adequate quantity and/or quality of nutrition. The generalised hair loss and itching was found to be due to demodectic mange, which is caused by the *Sarcoptes scabiei* mite. It commonly infects pigs who are immunosuppressed due to e.g. other disease being present or poor nutrition.

- **Prognosis** – Fair

- **Recommendation**

In my opinion this animal suffered unnecessarily from chronic neglect. Two of the five animal freedoms were violated, namely "Freedom from hunger and/or thirst" and "Freedom from pain, injury or disease".

Yours sincerely

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