



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

On Monday, November 18 2024 at approximately 15h00 SPCA Inspector R. Davids presented me, Dr. C. de Wet with 3 dogs collected from 152 Loerie Rd, Bridgetown.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Canine

Breed: Pitbull

Sex:

- Dog 1: Female
- Dog 2: Female
- Dog 3: Male

Age: Adult

Description:

- Dog 1: Brown with white
- Dog 2: Black with white
- Dog 3: Brown with white

Admission no.:

- Dog 1: A51929
- Dog 2: A51927
- Dog 3: A51928

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** – All 3 dogs presented underweight with body condition scores below the ideal of 5 out of 9. Dogs 1, 2 & 3 presented respectively with body condition scores of 2 out of 9, 3 out of 9 and 3.5 out of 9. Dog 1 had pale mucous membranes. On blood smears, dog 1 had a monocytosis and lymphocytosis present (usually indicating some form of infection or inflammation within the body), dog 2 showed signs of mild anaemia, and dog 3 showed mild neutrophilia (usually indicating some form of inflammation or infection within the body). Dog 3 also presented pyrexia (which further supports that there is a form of inflammation or infection within the body). Dog 1 was also extremely itchy and was scratching while I was examining her. All 3 dogs presented with fleas on the body and ticks in the ears. Dog 1 was moderately uncomfortable with being handled and Dog 2 was mildly uncomfortable with being handled. All 3 dogs were intact (not sterilized). Dogs 2 and 3 both had moderate plaque accumulation of the teeth towards the caudal aspect of the mouth.
- **Duration** - Chronic
- **Cause** – Lack of tick and flea control. Inadequate nutritional intake and lack of sterilizing (resulting in increased metabolic requirements). Inadequate socialising and handling.
- **Prognosis** – Fair
- **Recommendation** – They need regular tick and flea control, with either Bravecto every 3 months, or Nexgard every month. Deworming every 3 months. They all need to be sterilized (in accordance with the City of Cape Town's by-laws stating that each animal

should be sterilized after 6 months of age). Dog 2 and 3 will also require a dental scale and polish.

COMMENTS

Dogs 1 and 2 exhibited discomfort when handled – behaviour indicative of dogs that have not been socialised or handled in a suitable manner.

In my opinion these animals were neglected as is evident by the burden of ticks present and the low body condition score.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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