



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern, the below animal was abandoned. The animal was collected in Kraaifontein by Siyabonga.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Canine
Breed: Pitbull
Sex: Female spayed
Age: 5years old, Adult
Name: Bella
Description: Brown and white
Weight: 20kg
Admission number: A53414

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- Description of condition

All vital parameters were within normal limits.

According to the Nestlé PURINA Body Condition Score, the body condition score was 3/9. Skin condition - mild hair loss, itching (pruritus) noted on the body.

Severe infestation of ticks and fleas on the body, especially the ears.

Gait analysis: Irregular / abnormal gait when walking.

Radiographs:

Spondylosis of thoracic and lumbar vertebrae

Mild bilateral hip dysplasia

Bilateral arthritis of the stifles (lateral and medial condyles of the right femur appear to be more affected than the left).

Cranial drawer reflex elicited on the left hindleg, this means the animal may have a full or partial tear of the Cranial Cruciate Ligament of the left hind limb. The owner will have to take the dog to a specialist Veterinarian for possible surgery.

- Duration (weight loss and parasite infestation)

Chronic.

- Cause of condition

In my experience, the skin condition is caused by primary flea bite allergy dermatitis.

Weight loss is due to insufficient food being fed to the dog or poor quality of food fed to the dog. Arthritis is commonly seen in older dogs, in cases where there is discomfort or lameness, chronic anti-inflammatory and pain medication is advised.

- Prognosis

Fair, however strict tick/flea treatment, management and environmental disinfection is essential. Feeding good quality food and the appropriate amount is highly recommended.

Surgery of the cruciate ligament of the left hind is required as well as long term pain management arthritis of the spine and hips.

COMMENTS

In my opinion, this dog has experienced neglect and suffering. A body condition score of 3/9 is unacceptable and indicates this dog has not had sufficient food for an extended period of time. The animal is experiencing chronic discomfort and pain from excessive ticks and fleas. Orthopaedic surgery is advised to keep the dog comfortable and maintain a fair quality of life. If surgery is not an option, it is highly recommended to consider humane euthanasia to prevent further suffering.

This animal is in a poor condition and timeous veterinary intervention was not provided.

Yours sincerely

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