

Affidavit

Summary of Sassy Reeder

13th February - Tuesday

9:15

Sassy went to Doctor Omar for his yearly check up and booster, he was his usual self, feisty and lively, not happy about leaving the house so that means extremely talkative.

12:00

We gave him 1 Epleptin (Gabapentin) 100mg to relax him for the groomers so that he doesn't get too stressed out.

13:00

I took him to Groom world at Pet world and told the older lady working at reception that Doctor Omar said that we need to make it clear that they need to work gently with him because he gets stressed out very quickly and he is a sensitive soul.

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The groomers phoned to let us know that Sassy is done and we can go and fetch him.

(We live 5 minutes away) I left immediately to go and fetch him and the older lady gave Sassy to me. I asked her how he did and she said he was fine and calm most of the time but at the end he got a bit stressed out with stretching out his arms and legs.

I took him straight home and he went to lay down on his comfort blanket on the couch. I noticed that he had some clipper bumps on him from the shave.

I knew that he would be chilled out till later that day because of the calming medication we gave him. He also seemed to start getting feverish and wiped him with a cold cloth a few times. Sassy was laying on his blanket for the rest of the day into the evening, we didn't think much of it because we knew he was under stress due to the stressful day he had, that evening we gave our cats (our other cat is a 8 month old munchkin) there soft food like we do every evening, Sassy ate his food greedily and we started to close our bedroom door with them in it to keep a closer eye on Sassy and the Munchkin that just got spayed that morning by doctor Omar himself.

Their food is in our room and their litter box is in our ensuite, so they can still get all their necessities and there are 2 beds in our room as well.

Wednesday to Friday

Wednesday Morning Sassy was still not his old self, he looked depressed and still had a fever, I kept wiping him with a cold wet cloth.

As the day went on and the days passed we noticed that Sassy was getting worse, the only thing that got better was his fever. He started to lose his appetite, mostly drinking water but not as much as he used to. His balance was off, he would climb into his litter box with a struggle and only half of his body would be in the box and he would urinate next to the box. His urine was a very dark yellow, that was not normal for him. He was not pooping as well. 90% of the time he was just laying on his comfort blanket and staring

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straight ahead or sleeping while changing the way he's laying the whole time, looking depressed and uncomfortable.

By **Friday** evening I noticed that it looked like he had a slight yellow shade in his ears, nose and mouth. He was drooling and started with a cough where he would spit a bit (that was a new strange behaviour). He was barely eating but still ate a few bites of the food.

Saturday My husband sent a whatsapp to the Vet to say that Sassy is acting differently. Doctor Nico was working that day and said that we must give him half an Allergex and if he's not getting better we must bring him in.

Sassy was getting worse and also stopped eating saturday and sunday, we got him cat tuna that he usually loves but only took a few bites.

Monday 19th February

I phoned the vet to ask what time does doctor Omar have an opening because Sassy is really not doing well. I got an appointment for 10:15 am to go and see him.

Doctor Omar noticed that his left eye pupil was fully dilated and checked all the other usual things. He said that it looks like Sassy got a concussion and gave him some injections and gave me Metacam medication to give to him the next day and so on, it will help him get better, he just needs to rest. Sassy was also not his feisty self with travelling that day that was strange. Doctor said we must let him know by Wednesday how Sassy is doing.

We got home and Sassy went to drink some water but was struggling with his balance being off. Afterwards he just went to lay on his comfort blanket, keep in mind he still hasn't urinated or pooped.

Tuesday 20th February

He was laying on his comfort blanket the whole day. I think he maybe went to take a sip of his water once but he was suffering. It looked like his eyes weren't looking left or right, left pupil was still fully dilated, he started to become bloated, late that night I sended a message to Doctor Omars office whatsapp to ask if we could bring Sassy in the next morning as early as possible.

Wednesday 21st February

That morning I noticed Sassy urinated in his bed that he has never done before and he body temperature was cold, the Reception lady whatsapped me around 8am to say we can bring Sassy in at 9am, his body was weak, it looked like he wanted to vomit but he had no food in hes system and he was gasping for air while drooling. We had to pick his whole body up to put him in his travelling carry box, he just moaned and looked very disoriented. We were by doctor Omars office before 9am so that doctor could see Sassy immediately when he came in.

When Doctor Omar came to him he said we should bring Sassy to him and saw that the left eye is still very dilated and his eyes are not moving, his left side of his body was a bit stiff and his body temperature was very low and not self regulating. He immediately went to put Sassy on a drip and gave him some medication. he also put hot water bottles around him so that he can start regulating his own body temperature. He said that it looks like his motoring skills in his brain are not working as it should and that can be from the knock against his head.

Doctor Omar said that if things don't get better we will have to consider the worst to happen that day but he will phone us at 11am to let us know how Sassy is doing.

10:30 Doctor Omar phoned us to tell us that Sassy passed away. His left side of his body spasmed out and as he was running to get stuff because he can go into a seizure, Sassy passed away. They tried to

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resuscitate him and tried a few different things to bring him back but it was too late. His body temperature did not change even though his heart was strong till the end. So the only answer he could give us is that he had very bad brain trauma and that was the cause of his passing. Doctor Omar consulted with another Vet and told him about all the symptoms ect and that Vet told him the only answer is brain trauma.

We asked if they could do an autopsy and the doctor said yes but with brain trauma it's difficult because a small bleed or a knock to his brain won't be picked up and he's most certain that it's brain trauma. With that we decided to not do it because we don't have the money for it after all the costs that we had to pay in those past few days and to continue with the cremation. We went to say goodbye to the body of our Sassy Baby.

After that I walked in by the groomers to ask them what happened when he was there, they said that they don't know, Edgar worked with Sassy, they also don't have cameras and they are sorry to hear about our loss they will pay for everything (where I feel they accepted that they are guilty) but at that moment i said no because that will not bring my Sassy baby back.

Our hearts are broken, he was only 1 year and 4 months old. He was a happy and healthy cat. His favourite person was my husband because I am an overprotective mother. Sassy and his munchkin sister were/are indoor cats because we stay in an estate and they are happy, running around and playing. Sassy didn't like going outside or travelling or even if someone came to visit us, he would get stressed out and hide. He was the boss of the house with a will of his own, but also a super gentle soul and loving and caring about his sister. He was very verbal that's why he got his name Sassy

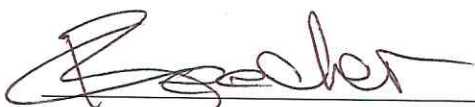
Please do what you can with the groomers and the guy that worked with him to get justice for our baby.
Thank you

Chanelle Reeder
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I CHANELLE REEDER - ID NR 940329 0219 08 5 am familiar with the content of the statement and understand it

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath & I regard the oath as binding on my conscience

I took the oath in the prescribed manner as per regulation and signed the declaration in my presence on this date


CHANELLE REEDER

06/03/2024
DATE

