



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

On Friday, March 8th 2023 at approximately 14h00 SPCA Inspector Jeffery Mfini presented me with a dog collected from 13 Muurbal Street, Beacon Valley. The owners had been visited repeatedly by SPCA inspectors and issued warnings to improve on their care of the animal in question, with no actions being taken to do so resulting in confiscation.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Dog
Breed: Pitbull
Sex: Female, intact
Age: Adult
Tattoo/Microchip/Other: Nil
Name: Cupcake
Description: Brown and white

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition – Severe malnutrition with a body condition score of 1/9 (according to the Purina BCS scale) with obvious muscle loss and lack of subcutaneous fat. Severe flea infestation.
- **Duration** of the condition – Chronic (prolonged malnourishment of at least 1-1.5 years duration)
- **Cause** of the condition – Inadequate basic dog care, namely lack of feeding sufficient or any food and total lack of parasite control.
- **Prognosis** – Fair if adequate feeding implemented
- **Recommendation**

In my opinion, this animal must not be returned to its owner as it shows obvious chronic neglect and lack of basic care. The quality of life is thus very poor. It is my recommendation that Cupcake can be rehabilitated with good food and parasite treatment, and rehomed as her temperament is friendly and playful despite the chronic neglect she has experienced.

COMMENTS

As described above, Cupcake was very sociable and friendly upon interacting with myself and the inspector.

Yours sincerely

Dr Helen Aldrich (BVSc)
Veterinarian

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