



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

On Friday, March 8th at approximately 14h00 SPCA Inspector Mfini presented me with a dog collected from 3 Ibex Street, Eastridge Mitchell's Plain. 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: Juvenile
Tattoo/Microchip/Other: Nil
Description: Brown and white

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition – Chronic scarring present on the face and neck consistent with burn wounds, most likely after being thrown with boiling water. 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. Both eyes show opacities indicating advanced age or severe eye infections.
- **Duration** of the condition - Chronic
- **Cause** of the condition - In my experience, the wounds are caused by being thrown with boiling water. They have since scarred over which means they were not attended to. Otherwise, the other conditions present are most likely due to prolonged malnutrition and starvation.
- **Prognosis** – Poor
- **Recommendation** - In my opinion, this animal has suffered unnecessarily due to neglect. The living conditions described to me by the inspector are completely unacceptable and it is in the best interest of the animal to be either intensively rehabilitated or euthanised to limit any further suffering.

COMMENTS

The dog exhibited moderately fearful behaviour when handled – behaviour indicative of a dog that has not been handled or socialised in a suitable manner.

Yours sincerely
Dr Helen Aldrich (BVSc)
Veterinarian

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