



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

On Friday 12th of April 2024 at approximately 11h20 SPCA Inspector Mfini presented me with a dog collected from 7 Cross Boulevard in Athlone.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Dog
Breed: Cross breed
Sex: Female, intact
Age: Adult
Tattoo/Microchip/Other: Nil
Name: Snuggles
Description: Tan, white and black
Case number: A29435

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition: When I examined the dog, I found the following pathologies:
Severe extensive attrition (extensive wear) of incisors.
Moderate to severe generalised lymph node enlargement
Severe itching and hair loss with secondary changes (i.e. thickening of the skin and hyperpigmentation) localised to the tail base and extending to halfway up the body of the dog
Evidence of severe worm burden with larvae seen around the anus
Chronic-active bleeding of the vulva associated with irregular large masses inside the vulva
- **Duration** of the condition
Chronic.
- **Cause** of the condition
In my experience, the severe wear on the incisors is as a result of chewing on a fence or a cement brick due to boredom or trying to escape.
The hair loss and generalised lymph node enlargement are likely linked as the distribution of hair loss is consistent with flea bite allergies.
The chronic-active bleeding and masses associated with the vulva is likely due to severe chronic transmissible venereal tumours, a cancer that is sexually transmitted between dogs.
- **Prognosis** – Poor
- **Recommendation** – This animal has been physically neglected by all accounts and I do not recommend that she be returned to her owner. The combination of a life-long management of flea bite allergy as well as the expenses associated with transmissible venereal tumour chemotherapy, makes euthanasia a consideration the best course of action.

COMMENTS

In my opinion this animal suffered unnecessarily as a result of neglect, poor husbandry and absence of veterinary care.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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