



## **VETERINARY REPORT**

To whom it may concern

On Monday, 12 June 2024 at approximately 16h30 an SPCA Inspector presented me with a dog collected from Kuilsriver, Cape Town.

### **ANIMAL DETAILS**

**Species:** Canine  
**Sex:** Female, sterilised  
**Age:** Adult (exact age unknown)  
**Name:** Elmarre  
**Description:** Black  
**Identification:** A32246

### **EXAMINATION FINDINGS**

- **Description –**

Severely thin with a body condition score of 1 out of 9 (caloric requirements not met over a long period of time).

Bilateral corneal opacities (discolouration of the clear superficial component of both eyes) impairing visual ability.

Multiple scars seen on body, most notably a large old scar on the right ear as well as a horizontal scar associated with abscessation on the ventral abdomen at the umbilical scar (or belly button).

- **Duration** of the condition -- Chronic

- **Cause** of the condition

In my experience, this dog's very poor body condition is as a result of chronic neglect. The multiple scars could be due to lack of environmental enrichment resulting in self-mutilation or overexcitability due to boredom, or exogenous causes such as trauma or fighting with other dogs.

- **Prognosis** – Fair with appropriate diet. Full recovery to visual ability uncertain.

- **Recommendation** –

In my opinion this animal should not be returned to her home where she will continue being neglected.

### **COMMENTS**

In my opinion this animal: this animal has suffered unnecessarily and unacceptably, with two of the primary animal freedoms, namely freedom from hunger and freedom from pain/injury, being violated.

Yours sincerely

**Dr Chizelle de Wet (BVSc)**

## **Veterinarian**

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