



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 11th of July 2024,

I, Dr Helen Aldrich, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog presented to me on the 16th of July 2024 confiscated by our inspectorate from 46 Main Road, Mamre, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Dog
Breed: Pitbull
Sex: Female, intact
Age: +- 4-5 years old
Name: Lola
Description: Tan and white

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

Lola is very lethargic with a habitus of 2+. Mucous membranes were pale and temperature was low normal. Abdominal palpation was tense and elicited a pain response. Her hydration status shows moderate dehydration of 5-10% with a very low body condition score of 2/9. Lola has had no appetite since her admission to the SPCA on the 15th of July 2024 and has vomited multiple times.

Due to her above condition, the decision was made to perform abdominal radiographs. The resulting radiographs showed gas distension of the small intestines consistent with a suspect foreign body obstruction.

This is a very severe condition that requires surgical intervention in order to save the animal's life, and even with surgery there can be a very poor prognosis. Considering the extent of dehydration coupled with Lola's emaciation, I suspect the duration of her condition is subacute.

This animal has been physically neglected and I do not recommend that she be returned to his owners. Lola is currently unstable and surgical intervention is not recommended. I therefore recommend euthanasia as the best and kindest course of action for this animal in accordance with the Animal Protection Act.

Yours sincerely

Dr H Aldrich (BVSc)
Veterinarian

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