



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

On the 15th of August 2024 at 17:00, I was presented with a dog surrendered to SPCA Inspector Jason from 6 Lava Close Saiberua, Elsies River.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Myre
Species: Canine
Breed: Afrikanis
Sex: Female intact
Age: Adult
Tattoo/Microchip/Other: Nil
Description: Brindle coat, white chest, medium sized
Case number: A32715

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description:** Myre was bright and alert when presented, she ate treats when we offered to her. She was very aware of her surroundings and she had a good habitus. Myre did not have any deep and superficial pain on her hind legs, so we made the diagnosis of her being paralysed in the hind quarters. It was clearly visible that the mid-spine was not in alignment and a break in the vertebra could be palpated. I made the decision to euthanase Myre to prevent further suffering. Her body was marked and we took radiographs on the morning of 16/08/24. Radiographs confirmed a fractured spine at Thoracic Vertebra 13 and spinous process. Fractures of the vertebra have caused neurologic dysfunction from the point of injury to the spine going caudally thus resulting of paralysis of the body caudal to the injury.

There were open wounds of Myres dorsal paw, this is consistent of prolonged dragging of her hind limbs, this indicated Myre had been left in extreme pain and even dragged her paralysed hind quarters along for a long time period. SPCA Inspector Jason also showed me a video of Myre dragging herself on the road.

Radiograph of Thoracic and abdominal spine:





- **Cause:** In my experience the injury is likely due to a great force of impact enough to cause the spine to break, this is most commonly seen with dogs being hit by a motor vehicle. Wounds on paws indicate long duration.
- **Prognosis:** Grave
- **Recommendation:** Due to very grave prognosis, and to alleviate further suffering the decision was made to humanely euthanise this animal soon after arrival to the SPCA. There is no treatment for this condition.

COMMENTS

As soon as this injury took place this animal should have had veterinary intervention and be humanely euthanised. To leave an animal in this state to drag their paralysed hind quarters around is an act of cruelty. There is no doubt that this animal has suffered unnecessarily and experienced great pain.

Yours sincerely

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