



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern, the animal below was confiscated from address 48 Oaklank Crescent in Lentegeur by Inspector Jeffery Mfini.

I, Dr R Ramnanan, was requested to perform a veterinary examination and report to assess the welfare of this animal.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Canine
Breed: Pitbull
Sex: Male intact
Age: Adult (advanced age)
Name: Scooby
Description: Brown and white
Weight: 21kg
Admission number: A37346

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- Description of condition

Old wounds that have healed were noted on the face.

Body condition of this animal was below average, 3/9 according to the Nestlé PURINA Body Condition System.

Severe attrition of all teeth down to the pulp and roots.

Mild hair loss and itching (pruritus) of the skin localised to the tail base and dorsum.

Radiographs – severe spondylosis of cervical, thoracic and lumbosacral vertebrae.

All vital parameters were within normal limits.

- Duration of condition

Chronic.

- Cause of condition

In my experience, the skin condition is caused by primary flea bite allergy dermatitis (an immune dysregulation in response to proteins in flea saliva). The extremely poor condition of the teeth is also of major concern, as this animal cannot chew any food normally and any chewing of food would result in pain and discomfort. The cause of the excessive dental attrition is likely a result of advanced age (possible that the animal may have been chewing stones or bricks due to lack of enrichment, however no evidence of this was noted by the confiscating inspector). Spondylosis is a degenerative joint condition that occur as an animal gets older and cause pain and discomfort during normal daily movements and routines.

- Prognosis

Guarded to poor - chronic lifelong medication for pain management of spondylosis as well as strict tick/flea treatment and environmental disinfection is essential for this animal to live

without pain and discomfort. Of the most concern is the severe attrition of the animal's teeth which prevents normal chewing of food.

COMMENTS

The dog was in poor body condition with normal appetite, habitus and stool. In my opinion the animal is experiencing chronic discomfort and pain due to severe spondylosis, the flea bite allergy as well as the extremely poor dental condition. This results in two major Animal Freedoms being violated: the freedom from pain and discomfort and the freedom from hunger. This animal would require chronic pain medication and humane euthanasia is therefore advised to prevent further suffering.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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