



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern, the animal below was confiscated from address 21 Spitzkop Street Tafelsig 7785 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: Crossbreed
Sex: Male intact
Age: Adult
Name: Jobo
Description: Black, brown and white
Weight: 19kg
Admission number: A37369

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- Description of condition

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

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

Carpal hyperextension noted on both front limbs.

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 bilateral carpal hyperextension and poor body condition score is suggestive of poor or inadequate nutrition. Trauma is also be considered a common cause of carpal hyperextension. When a dog falls and lands mainly on the front legs, the force of landing can cause the carpus to bend more than usual, tearing the ligaments that stabilize this joint.

- Prognosis

Fair- Strict tick/flea treatment and environmental disinfection is essential for this animal to live without pain and discomfort. A veterinary prescribed diet to correct nutritional deficiencies are required. There is a possibility that carpal hyperextension may not be corrected with diet pending the cause or duration of the condition.

COMMENTS

The dog was in poor body condition with normal appetite, habitus and stool. In my opinion the animal is experiencing discomfort and pain due the flea bite allergy and well as impaired mobility and gait. This results in two major Animal Freedoms being violated: the freedom from pain and discomfort (as a result of the flea bite allergy and carpal hyperextension) and the freedom from hunger (assumed from low body condition score).

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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