



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern, the animal (Mona - A35846) below was surrendered by HAWK animal welfare organisation based in Riverlands, Western Cape, to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA.

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: Female intact
Age: Adult (advanced age)
Name: Mona **Description:**
Tan **Weight:** 26.6kg
Admission number: A35846

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- Description of condition

All vital parameters were within normal limits.

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

Severe primary hair loss, itching (pruritus) and secondary lichenification (thickening of the skin) and hyperpigmentation (darkening of the skin in response to a chronic inflammatory process), localised to the tail base and dorsum.

- Duration of condition

Chronic.

A chronic condition (also known as chronic disease or chronic illness) is a health condition or disease that is persistent or otherwise long-lasting in its effects or a disease that comes with time. The term chronic is often applied when the course of the disease lasts for more than three months.

- 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) with a secondary pyoderma (severe yeast and/or bacterial infection due to compromise of the skin barrier).

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.

- Prognosis:

Fair, however in this animal's case this would require lifelong chronic medication and medical management would be essential to manage the skin and teeth conditions appropriately. Further to this, a strict regular parasite (tick / flea) treatment regime and environmental disinfection would be essential.

COMMENTS

The overall temperament of the dog was stressed. The dog presented with a body condition score of 5/9 on the Nestle Purina body condition system with normal appetite, habitus and stool.

In my opinion, this animal is neglected, experiencing chronic discomfort and pain from both the neglected chronic skin condition and secondary infection, as well as the extremely poor dental condition.

All of the above also compromises the Animal Freedoms of **"Freedom from discomfort"** and **"Freedom from pain, injury or disease"**. (Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare)

Yours sincerely


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