



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

On the 19th of December 2024 I was presented with a dog by SPCA Inspector Jeffrey.
The dog was confiscated from 16 Arum Way, Electric City

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Canine

Breed: Rottweiler

Sex: Female intact

Age: Adult

Tattoo/Microchip/Other: None

Description: Tan and black

Weight: 29kg

Case Number: A53865

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- Description:**

Clinical exam

On day of examination dog was bright alert and responsive, had a calm and friendly nature.
I was able to handle and exam the dog easily

Temperature: 38.9C

Blood smear: NAD

Faecal float: Few Hookworm eggs seen

Mucous membranes: Pink, moist

Mild dehydration, good appetite.

Body Condition score of 2 out of 9 on the Nestle Purina body Condition System. There is muscle wastage of the face, spine and hips.

Skin:

Animal was pruritic

Multi focal areas of alopecia and lichenification of skin, main areas affected are left lateral chest and cranial abdomen, distal extremities, bony prominences of pelvis, ventral abdomen and bilaterally of elbows. These areas of skin are also dry and flaky.

General coat condition is poor and dry. There is multifocal areas of excoriations and redness throughout the animal's skin

Skin scrape: NAD, this rules out mange as a cause of the skin condition.

Musculoskeletal exam:

When gait was observed, it is evident dog is stiff on hind quarters and does struggle with mobility issues. Radiographs show bilateral moderate hip dysplasia

It is also noted that the tail is docked

- **Cause:**

Poor body condition is likely due to improper quantity of food or a poor quality diet.

Skin condition may be due to previous infestation with external parasites, food allergy or atopic dermatitis.

Lichenification of skin indicates that the skin problem has been long standing, more than 3 weeks in duration.

- **Prognosis:** Good if skin condition is managed and dog is fed a good quality diet

- **Recommendation:**

That animal is provided with strict tick and flea control and that a good quality Prescription Diet such as Royal Canine Hypo allogenic or Hills DermComplete is given to this animal for a minimum of 8 weeks to see improvements in skin condition.

It is advised that this animal is started on chronic pain management for hip dysplasia, as dog is displaying clinical signs.

COMMENTS

This animal was left with an untreated skin condition for a long period of time. For a large breed dog, this animal is quite malnourished.

Owner has failed to provide basic care for this animal resulting in unnecessary suffering.

Yours sincerely

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