



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 27th of December 2024,

I, Dr Helen Aldrich, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog presented to the SPCA on 23rd of December 2024 for the primary complaint of "shot by the police by a rubber bullet". As per the owner, Claude Dudley of 10 Hodna Street Delft Cape Town, the dog was injured on Friday 20th of December 2024. What follows is my clinical examination and treatment findings after the dog was admitted to our hospital on the 23rd of December 2024.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Karli
Species: Canine
Breed: Pitbull
Sex: Female sterilised
Age: Adult
Description: White and brown
Case number: H109206

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description and duration** of the condition

Karli presented bright, alert and responsive with a deep penetrating wound on the left lateral posterior region, specifically just to the left of the tail base. Karli walked with a slight limp to the left hind leg but still weight-bearing. No other pathologies noted with Karli: she has a healthy appetite, was drinking water well, mucous membranes were pink, body condition score a 7 out of 9 on the Nestle Purina scale and no ticks/fleas noted.

Karli was immediately admitted to the hospital with the treatment plan of anti-inflammatories, antibiotics and sedation to explore and clean the wound as soon as possible. During surgery, the rubber bullet was recovered from deep within the muscle (approximately 2cm in diameter, black, made of dense rubber).

- **Cause** of the condition

As per the owner, the wound was caused by police officer shooting a rubber bullet at the dog. Based on the entry wound, it can be deduced that the dog was facing away from the officer with her hindquarters positioned towards the officer at the time of injury.

- **Prognosis** – Good, bullet removed

- **Recommendation**

In my opinion, Karli was caused moderate to severe pain when being shot with the rubber bullet. Even though a rubber bullet is not capable of inflicting as much damage as a metal jacket, the rubber bullet was shot at close enough range to embed itself into the muscles of Karli's left hind leg. That coupled with the position of the entry wound allows us to deduce that the rubber bullet was fired at close range as the dog was moving away or facing away from the officer.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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