



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 20th of December 2024,

I, Dr Helen Aldrich, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog surrendered to the SPCA by Deidre Niewenhuys from address 197 Gotha Street, The Hague, Delft, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Outjie
Species: Canine
Breed: Cross breed
Sex: Male intact
Age: Adult
Description: Black, white and tan
Case number: A51330

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition
Outjie presented with a mass of the forehead between the eyes approximately the size of a tennis ball. The mass was obliterating normal anatomy with both ocular orbits swollen almost completely shut and the eyes were infected with mucopurulent exudate. Visual abilities significantly impaired.
- **Duration** of the condition
Chronic. The mass was very large and severe in its local pathology, which would have required significant time to develop.
- **Cause** of the condition
A biopsy and histopathological analysis would have been required to definitively diagnose the cause of the mass, however it is highly likely that the mass was neoplastic in nature. Most likely cancer types based on the area would be osteosarcoma and chondrosarcoma, both of which carry a poor prognosis. Other possibilities include a severe abscess, haematoma or granuloma – however the expansive nature of the mass make bone invasion and growth more likely.
- **Prognosis** – Poor. Surgical resection impossible. If cancerous growth, metastasis / spread highly likely.
- **Recommendation**
In my opinion this animal suffered unnecessarily as he was not taken for veterinary care sooner. The delay in veterinary care resulting in adequate time for the mass to grow to the point of obliterating normal anatomy and subsequent blindness. If cancerous, i.e. osteosarcoma or chondrosarcoma, these tumours are extremely painful.

This animal was humanely euthanised with informed consent obtained from the owner after surrender to prevent further suffering.

Yours sincerely
Dr H Aldrich (BVSc)
Veterinarian

Date compiled: 10 January 2025