



VETERINARY REPORT

- Examination date: 9th January 2025
- Veterinarian: Dr. Helen Aldrich
- Location of confiscation: 27 Carmelloa Street, Lentegeur, Cape Town, 7785
- Inspector: Jeffrey Mfini
- Reason for confiscation: Owner failed to comply with issued warnings
- Animal admission numbers: A55523

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Canine
Breed: Boerboel
Sex: Male intact
Age: Adult
Description: Tan and black

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition
 - Low body condition score (BCS) i.e. 3/9 according to the Nestle Purina system
 - Old scar on lower lid of right eye
 - Docked tail
 - Pressure sores present on bony eminences of limbs
- **Duration** of the condition – Chronic
- **Cause** of the condition
 - Low BCS (BCS) indicates chronic in the form of inadequate nutrition, which violates one of the 5 animal freedoms, specifically "Freedom from hunger".
 - Pressure sores can be indicative of poor living environment as it implies that the dog lies on hard surfaces with no padding for prolonged periods, which is especially a problem in large breed dogs i.e. Boerboels.
 - It is unknown whether the tail was docked by the owner.
- **Prognosis** – Fair with adequate nutrition and changes to living conditions.
- **Recommendation**

In my opinion these animals suffered unnecessarily as a result of chronic neglect. It is thus my recommendation that the above animals should not be returned to the owner unless there is a strict agreement to improve their diet and ensure changes to the living conditions with monitoring from inspectors.

Yours sincerely
Dr H Aldrich (BVSc)
Veterinarian
Date compiled: 14 January 2025