



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 23rd of January 2025,

I, Dr Anja Coulthard, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog confiscated by the SPCA by Inspector Jeffrey Mfini from address 35 Louise Crescent, Eastridge, Cape Town. Primary reason for confiscation was the death of another puppy in the household and the owner's failure to take the puppies to the vet for veterinary care.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name:

Species: Canine

Breed: Pitbull

Sex: Male intact

Age: ~7 weeks to 4 months based on tooth eruption. ~ 3 months reportedly.

Description: Brown and white

Case number: 152752

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

The dog appeared bright alert and responsive. Puppy was moderately emaciated with a body condition score of 2/9 of the Nestle Purina body condition system. Capillary refill time was 1 second. Fleas and flea dirt were present in the coat. His abdomen was moderately distended with no masses palpable. Mild diarrhoea noted in kennels. He tested negative on canine parvovirus and giardia SNAP tests.

- **Duration** of the condition

Subacute to chronic. Poor body condition score would require time to develop.

- **Cause** of the condition

There are many causes of emaciation in young puppies, however in this case given the history chronic nutritional neglect is the most likely cause. Given the distended abdomen and flea burden a worm burden would be likely and would also have contributed to the emaciation.

- **Prognosis** – Good. He is likely to recover with external parasite control and good nutrition.

- **Recommendation**

Tick and flea control were recommended and applied. It is my recommendation that the animal be returned to the owner with regular monitoring from Inspectorate. In young puppies adequate nutrition is of utmost importance to ensure proper musculoskeletal development.

Yours sincerely

Dr A Coulthard (BVSc)

Veterinarian

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