



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr Deepali Narotam**, hereby make oath and declare in English as follows:

1.

I am an adult female veterinarian registered with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) under registration number **D24/19130**. I hold the qualification Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc). I am currently employed by the Cape of Good Hope SPCA.

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The facts contained in this affidavit fall within my personal knowledge unless indicated otherwise or unless it appears so from the context. The facts are also, to the best of my knowledge and belief, both true and correct.

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On 20 September 2025, an adult, female, mixed-breed dog named Hero was admitted into the care of the SPCA following her seizure by Inspector Ayanda Ngcofe from 28 Grafiet Crescent, Welgelegen 3 (SPCA case number INSP220107), under the care of Nqika Zothwana. I conducted a full veterinary examination of the dog upon admission.

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ANIMAL INFORMATION

- **Admission Number:** A71120
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Mixed breed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Brown and white
- **Microchip Number:** Not detected
- **Weight:** 22 kg
- **Name:** Hero

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CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS

On clinical examination, I recorded the following findings:

a. Body Condition and Behaviour

- **Body Condition Score (BCS):** 3/9 – underweight. Ribs clearly visible from a distance.
- **Behaviour:** Friendly and cooperative despite poor condition.

b. External Parasites and Blood Smear

- Fleas were observed.
- Blood smear showed moderate eosinophilia, suggestive of a parasite burden, either external (fleas) or internal (intestinal worms).

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c. Dentition

- Underbite occlusion noted.
- Eroded incisors with pulp exposure, likely causing discomfort and indicative of chronic damage.

d. Ears

- Bilateral stenosis (narrowing) of ear canals with marked thickening of the ears.
- Very dry and inflamed, with foul-smelling discharge.
- Ear smears revealed a severe *Malassezia* (fungal) infection in both ears.
- These findings are indicative of a chronic, untreated ear infection.

e. Skin

- Extensive lichenification, hyperpigmentation, and erythema affecting multiple areas:
- Face, distal limbs, perineum, vulva, and inner hindquarters,
- Ventral abdomen, neck, and medial forelimbs,
- Peri-orbital region and eyelids with hair thinning and irritation.
- Skin scrape was negative for mange mites, confirming that the condition is not caused by demodex or sarcoptic mange but is more likely the result of chronic allergic skin disease, parasitic irritation, and poor environmental hygiene.

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VETERINARY OPINION

Tooth erosion and pulp exposure are typically caused by an inappropriate diet (e.g. feeding hard bones or poor-quality food), leading to mechanical damage of the teeth and exposure of nerve pulp, which is extremely painful and debilitating over time.

The ear infections are severe and chronic, as evidenced by the stenosis, thickened ear canals, and fungal overgrowth. This level of pathology does not develop acutely and indicates long-term neglect and a failure to seek veterinary care.

The chronic skin disease, marked by extensive lichenification, hyperpigmentation, and secondary inflammation, is most consistent with longstanding external parasite exposure, poor hygiene, and a lack of medical treatment.

The underweight condition is likely due to a combination of inadequate diet (quality and quantity) and the energy demands of chronic infection and inflammation.

The duration of suffering is classified as chronic, with evidence suggesting that these conditions have persisted for a few months or more.

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CONCLUSION

In my professional opinion, the condition in which Hero was found is indicative of prolonged neglect.

The animal suffered from:

- Chronic dental disease (with pain),
- Chronic untreated ear infections (fungal),
- Chronic allergic skin disease exacerbated by fleas,
- Poor nutritional status,



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- Poor husbandry and lack of parasite control.

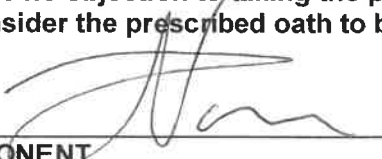
The owner failed to seek prompt and necessary veterinary treatment, resulting in chronic discomfort, infection, and ongoing suffering.

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I know and understand the content of this declaration.

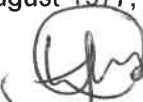
I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.


DEPONENT

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The deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at CAPE TOWN on this the 01 day of October 2025, the regulations contained in Government Notice No R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended, and Government Notice No R1648 of 19 August 1977, as amended, having been complied with.


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