



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr. George Birch**, hereby make oath and declare in English as follows:

1.

I am an adult male veterinarian registered with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) under registration number D065077. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) degree and have been practising for 16 years as of the date of this report. 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.

3.

CASE BACKGROUND

This affidavit pertains to an animal cruelty case investigated under INSP219301, attended to by Inspector Lwazi Ntungele on 1 August 2025. A juvenile female pitbull-type dog was removed by Inspector Ntungele from 48 (37623) Khali Street in Khayalitsha, and admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA Animal Hospital. I conducted a clinical examination of the dog on the day of admission.

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PATIENT INFORMATION

- **Admission Number:** A70207
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Pitbull
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Juvenile
- **Colour and Markings:** Brown and white
- **Microchip/Tattoo:** None
- **Date of Admission & Examination:** 1 August 2025
- **Weight:** 16 kg

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CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS

Upon clinical examination, I noted the following:

Body Condition Score (BCS): 3/9 – indicating the dog was underweight.

Behaviour: Fair, though subdued.

Parasites: No external parasites detected at the time of examination.

Dental and Nail Health: No abnormalities detected.

Primary Injury Observed:

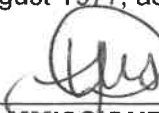
- A large-bore metal chain was found deeply embedded into the skin of the neck.

- There was full-thickness dermal necrosis over the dorsal and lateral aspects of the mid-neck, characterised by:
 - Exposed raw tissue,
 - Granulation,
 - Malodorous discharge, and
 - Ventral dermatitis likely due to chronic rubbing and soiling.

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I, **Dr. George Birch**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

The deponent has acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at Grassy Park on this the 06 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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