



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.

2.

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.

On 7 October 2025 at 10:00, an adult female mixed-breed dog was seized by Inspector Lwazi Ntungele from 2 Musica Avenue, Macassar (SPCA case number: INSP221000) and admitted into the SPCA's Animal Hospital. I performed a full clinical examination of the animal upon admission.

4.

ANIMAL INFORMATION

- **Admission Number:** A70252
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Mixed breed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Microchip Number:** None detected
- **Colour and Markings:** Brown and white
- **Name:** Not provided

5.

CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS

On presentation, I recorded the following:

Body Condition and General Appearance

- **Body Condition Score (BCS):** 1/9 – **emaciated**.
- **Weight:** 14 kg – severely underweight for a dog of her size.
- **Observation:** Severe loss of muscle mass with all bony prominences and ribs clearly visible from a distance. Temporal muscle loss evident.
- **Behaviour:** Depressed and lethargic.

Parasite Burden

- **Fleas** present throughout the coat.

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- **Ticks** present in the coat and both ears (moderate burden).

Haematology and Blood Smear

- **Platelets:** Sufficient.
- **No blood parasites** seen on smear.
- **Haematocrit:** 33%.
- **Mucous Membranes:** Pale gums and conjunctiva suggestive of anaemia.

Dentition and Nails

- **Dentals:** No abnormalities detected.
- **Nails:** Normal.

Chest and Skin

- **Chest auscultation:** Within normal limits.
- **Skin:** Mild hair thinning on the dorsal body and generalised flaky skin consistent with poor nutrition and external parasitism.
- **Ears:** Moderate tick burden present within both ears.

6.

VETERINARY OPINION

The animal was found to be in a state of severe emaciation, which is defined as the loss of muscle mass and body condition resulting from a prolonged negative energy balance. This condition can be caused by chronic starvation, systemic disease, malnutrition, or cancer, but the degree of emaciation present in this dog clearly developed over weeks to months and is not an acute condition.

The presence of fleas and ticks indicates a lack of routine external parasite control, which causes additional discomfort, blood loss, and a compromised immune system.

The temporal muscle loss, pale mucous membranes, and low body weight strongly suggest that the dog had been suffering from chronic malnutrition or neglect over an extended period of time.

In my professional opinion, the degree of suffering is chronic, with the condition likely developing over a few months or more.

7.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

The clinical signs presented by this dog are consistent with chronic neglect and animal cruelty. The animal was allowed to reach a state of severe emaciation and parasite infestation over an extended period without veterinary intervention.

Given the severity of emaciation and the chronicity of neglect, the prognosis is poor. Even with intensive care, animals in this condition face a long and difficult recovery, with significant risk of complications including organ failure, anaemia, and infections.

It is therefore advisable that this animal be humanely euthanised to prevent further prolonged suffering.

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

8.

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

The deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at _____ on this the _____ day of _____ 20____, 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.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Full names: _____

Designation: _____

Business address: _____