



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:** A70253
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Mixed breed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Approximately 1 year
- **Microchip Number:** None
- **Colour and Markings:** Brown and white

5.

CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS

On clinical examination conducted on 7 October 2025, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 2/5 – Very underweight.
- **Weight:** 6 kg. The dog appeared severely underweight, with ribs visible from a distance and easily palpable.
- **Behaviour:** Friendly and responsive.
- **Presence of Parasites:** Fleas and ticks observed on coat, including moderate tick burden within both ears.
- **Blood Smear:** Adequate platelet count, no blood parasites detected.
- **Dentals:** Within normal limits.
- **Nails:** Within normal limits.
- **Ears:** Moderate tick burden noted bilaterally.
- **Chest Auscultation:** Within normal limits.

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

- **Other Observations:** No additional abnormalities noted.

6.

VETERINARY OPINION

The patient presented with a clear external parasite burden and was in a significantly underweight condition. In my professional opinion, the ectoparasite infestation is most likely the result of inadequate tick and flea control and unhygienic living conditions. The dog's poor body condition indicates a prolonged negative energy balance, which can arise from chronic starvation, poor nutritional quality, or insufficient food availability. Based on the degree of muscle loss and visibility of bony landmarks, I estimate that this animal has been subjected to a period of inadequate feeding extending for at least two weeks or longer. No evidence of systemic disease or tick-borne infection was detected, making neglect and poor husbandry the most likely underlying cause.

The duration of suffering is therefore considered chronic, with the animal's body condition and parasite burden indicative of ongoing neglect and a failure to meet her basic welfare needs.

7.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

The overall prognosis for this dog is good, provided that proper nutrition, parasite control, and appropriate care are maintained. With adequate feeding on a balanced diet and follow-up veterinary monitoring, full recovery is expected. Based on her temperament and young age, she is considered a suitable candidate for adoption once rehabilitated.

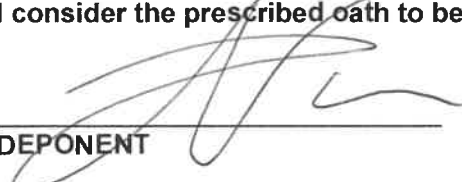
In my professional opinion, this animal has suffered unnecessarily due to neglect of her basic welfare requirements, including proper nutrition, parasite prevention, and general husbandry. She is currently receiving the necessary care and treatment within the Cape of Good Hope SPCA Animal Hospital and is responding positively. The suffering observed was entirely preventable had reasonable standards of care been provided.

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 CAPE TOWN on this the 16 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.

 J De Vos
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COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Full names: _____

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