



## **Affidavit – Veterinary Report**

I, **Dr. Faa'timah-Tuz-Zahraa Mayet**, 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 D25/19238. 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 10 September 2025, I was requested by Inspector Julian van der Zandt of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA to conduct an examination of a female adult pitbull-type dog that was seized from the residence at 3 De La Haye Avenue, Kenwyn, under the care of Mr and Mrs Monk, and admitted to the SPCA's Animal Hospital. I conducted a full clinical examination of the animal on the day of admission.

**4.**

### **ANIMAL INFORMATION:**

- **Admission Number:** 61988
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Pitbull
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Microchip Number:** Not detected
- **Weight:** 20.6 kg
- **Name (if known):** Maia

**5.**

### **CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:**

- **Body Condition Score (BCS):** 3/9 – underweight, indicating possible systemic illness or nutritional neglect.
- **Behaviour:** Alert, but clinically compromised.
- **External Parasites:** None observed at time of examination.
- **Dentition and Nails:** No abnormalities noted.
- **Primary Medical Concern:**

The dog presented with a confirmed case of open pyometra, which is a life-threatening uterine infection characterised by the accumulation and discharge of purulent material from the uterus.

On presentation, the dog was pyrexia (febrile) and depressed, with clear systemic illness.

I, **Dr. Faa'timah-Tuz-Zahraa Mayet**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

Clinical assessment and diagnostic work-up confirmed the presence of peritonitis (infection of the abdominal cavity), which occurs when the pyometra has leaked or ruptured, introducing infection into the peritoneal space.

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#### **VETERINARY OPINION:**

Open pyometra is a severe medical emergency requiring immediate surgical intervention. The condition is most often preventable through elective sterilisation and early veterinary intervention when symptoms first arise.

In this case, the animal's condition had clearly deteriorated over time, and the owner/s had failed to seek timely veterinary treatment, despite the dog exhibiting visible and obvious symptoms, including:

- Purulent vaginal discharge,
- Lethargy,
- Depression,
- Decreased appetite, and
- Swollen abdomen (indicative of pyometra or peritonitis).

The cause of this condition is bacterial infection of the uterus, which in this case progressed to peritonitis as a direct result of delayed or absent treatment.

The duration of suffering was chronic. The open pyometra would have developed and progressed over a period of at least 10–14 days, if not longer, and would have resulted in:

- Severe abdominal pain,
- High fever,
- Systemic infection, and
- Risk of death without intervention.

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#### **TREATMENT & PROGNOSIS:**

The dog was taken for emergency surgery (ovariohysterectomy) immediately upon examination due to the life-threatening nature of the condition.

Post-operatively, the dog was placed on antimicrobial therapy, intravenous fluids, and pain management.

Prognosis in these cases is poor without treatment, and had the dog not been admitted when it was, she would have died from septicaemia (blood poisoning) due to the advancing peritonitis.

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#### **CONCLUSION:**

The failure of the owners to seek veterinary assistance for a clearly visible and treatable condition resulted in the unnecessary and prolonged suffering of this dog.

In my professional opinion, the suffering was avoidable, had the animal received timely and appropriate veterinary care. The symptoms associated with open pyometra are clinically evident, and any responsible pet owner would have recognised the need for urgent intervention.

I, **Dr. Faa'timah-Tuz-Zahraa Mayet**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

It is my professional opinion that this dog was neglected, and the owners are responsible for permitting the suffering through inaction and lack of care.

9.

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 Grassy Park on this the 16th 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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