

Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr Anja Coulthard**, 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 CS25/18419. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree. I am currently employed by the Department of Agriculture. I am competent to provide veterinary services and experienced in identifying clinical signs of neglect and cruelty in animals.

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.

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On 10 March 2025, an adult male canine was admitted to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal was seized by Inspector Julian Van Der Zandt from the premises situated at 20 Monarch Street in Pelican Park (INSP218970). The animal was allocated Admission Number A78581.

4.

PATIENT INFORMATION:

- Species: Canine
- Breed: Boerboel cross
- Sex and reproductive status: Male, intact
- Estimated Age: Adult
- Colour and markings: Brindle
- Microchip: Not detected
- Behaviour: Aggressive; examination conducted under sedation for safety and accuracy

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CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon physical examination, I noted the following:

5.1. Body Condition

- Body Condition Score (BCS): 2/9, indicating the animal is very underweight, with prominent ribs and visible bony landmarks.
- Coat condition: Coarse and dull.

5.2. Parasite Burden

- External parasites: The dog was found to have a significant tick infestation, including large ticks on multiple areas of the body.

5.3. Physical Examination

- A metal chain was found locked around the dog's neck, contributing to discomfort and posing a risk of pressure-related injury.
- Dentition: Unable to examine due to the animal's aggression.
- Nails: Within normal limits.
- Behaviour: Bright, alert, and responsive despite aggressive disposition.
- Blood smear: No abnormalities detected.

I, Dr Anja Coulthard, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

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VETERINARY OPINION:

6.1. Medical Concerns

The animal is suffering from emaciation, heavy external parasite infestation, and inadequate husbandry conditions, as evidenced by the coarse coat and underweight body condition.

The presence of a metal chain around the neck without any padding or adjustment mechanism suggests neglect in providing a safe and humane method of restraint.

6.2. Cause and Nature of Condition

The poor body condition and parasite load are, in my professional opinion, the result of chronic neglect, including insufficient or inappropriate feeding, lack of parasite control, and failure to provide basic veterinary care.

The condition did not arise acutely, and reflects a sustained pattern of neglect over a period of several weeks to months.

6.3. Duration of Suffering

The clinical signs present are consistent with chronic suffering.

Given the muscle loss, external parasites, and poor coat condition, the animal likely suffered over a period of no less than several weeks, if not longer.

6.4. Prognosis

The medical prognosis is good, provided the animal receives appropriate nutrition, parasite control, and ongoing care.

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CONCLUSION:

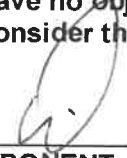
Based on my clinical findings and professional opinion, this dog has suffered unnecessarily as a result of chronic neglect. The owner failed to provide adequate nutrition, parasite control, and basic veterinary care, which resulted in avoidable suffering.

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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

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 17 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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