



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 17 July 2025, I examined a female adult dog that was admitted to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA under admission number A62959. The animal was brought in by Inspector Julian van der Zandt in connection with SPCA investigation INSP216546, relating to an inspection conducted at the property of Mr Luciano Barry, situated at 258 – 3rd Avenue, Lotus River.

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- Species: Canine
- Breed: Pitbull Boxer Cross
- Sex and Reproductive Status: Female (intact; unclear if previously sterilised)
- Estimated Age: Adult
- Colour and Markings: White with black on lower back
- Name (if known): Skye
- Microchip Number: Not detected
- Admission Number: A62959

5.

On clinical examination, the animal had a body condition score of 3/9, indicating that she was underweight for her breed and size. The recorded body weight was 18 kilograms. The animal appeared bright and alert, and her behaviour was friendly and non-aggressive during handling. Examination of the mucous membranes revealed findings within normal limits (WNL), with no evidence of anaemia, jaundice, or dehydration. A skin scrape was performed and tested negative for mites, thereby excluding mange as a contributing factor. No external parasites were observed at the time of examination. The dentition and nails were within acceptable limits and did not present with abnormalities or signs of neglect.

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A prominent finding on clinical examination was the presence of hard growths with abscessation located on the ventral aspect of the neck. The growths were firm, irregular in texture, and associated with areas of localised swelling and inflammation. The lesions were assessed as likely chronic in nature. Due to the active inflammation and abscess formation, Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) was not performed at the time, and it was advised that antibiotic therapy be initiated prior to diagnostic sampling to reduce infection and inflammation. The

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animal was subsequently treated with an appropriate course of antibiotics. No other abnormalities were detected upon general clinical examination.

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In my professional opinion, the cause and nature of the growths and abscessation were unclear at the time of examination. Differential diagnoses included a chronic bacterial infection, a foreign body reaction, or possibly a neoplastic process. Without further diagnostics such as cytology or biopsy, the precise aetiology could not be confirmed. The duration of the condition could not be determined with certainty; however, the chronicity and degree of abscessation suggested that the condition had been present and untreated for some time prior to the animal's admission. The prognosis was therefore recorded as undetermined pending further evaluation.

8.

Based on the findings, it is my professional opinion that the animal had not received the necessary veterinary treatment for the condition present on the ventral neck area, and that the lesion had likely resulted in prolonged discomfort and pain. The animal's underweight body condition, together with the untreated chronic lesion, indicates a lack of adequate veterinary care and possible neglect.

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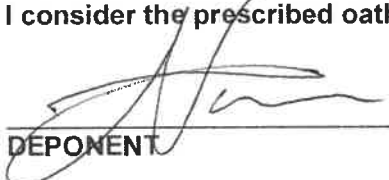
I am therefore of the opinion that the animal's condition, as observed on admission, is consistent with failure to provide necessary veterinary attention, as required under the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962. The animal was provided appropriate veterinary care upon admission to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA, including antibiotic treatment, and further diagnostic evaluation was planned following clinical stabilisation.

10.

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 NOVEMBER CAPE TOWN on this the 11 day of November 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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