

Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr Anja Coultard**, 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.

3. On 23 October 2025, I examined a male canine admitted to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA under admission number A72939. The animal was admitted following an inspection conducted at the property of Mr Alben Katz, situated at 35 Junkers Road in Rocklands, by Inspector Jeffrey Mfini in relation to investigation INSP222639.

ANIMAL DETAILS:

- Admission number: A72939
- Species: Canine
- Breed: Pitbull
- Sex & reproductive status: Male (intact)
- Estimated age: Adult
- Colour & markings: Tan and white
- Name (if known): Biscuit

5. On clinical examination, the animal was in an extremely poor state of body condition, with a body condition score of 1/9 (emaciated) and a recorded body weight of 23.4 kg. The demeanour of the animal was dull and depressed, and he was slow to respond to handling. No external parasites were noted at the time of clinical assessment. Dentition revealed moderate plaque and tartar, and the nails were within normal limits.

6. Notable findings on physical examination included multiple healed scars on the muzzle, and bilateral alopecia on the lateral aspects of the hindlimbs. The most significant abnormality was a large multilobulated mass lateral to the prepuce on the left side, which was displacing the preputial opening laterally to the right. The central portion of the mass had areas of ulceration with purulent discharge and produced a markedly foul odour consistent with secondary bacterial infection. A fine needle aspirate (FNA) was performed on the mass; cytology was non-diagnostic.

7. In my professional opinion the clinical picture indicates an extensive, ulcerated and infected preputial mass together with severe emaciation and secondary dermatological changes. Given the gross appearance of the mass, the most likely aetiology is a neoplastic process (neoplasm) that has ulcerated and become secondarily infected. The severe emaciation may be a consequence of either primary malnutrition or catabolic effects associated with neoplasia, or a combination of both. The bilateral hindlimb alopecia is most likely attributable to external

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parasitism or self-trauma secondary to pruritus. The duration of these conditions is best described as chronic, indicating the animal has suffered over a prolonged period.

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The clinical findings indicate substantial pain, systemic compromise and a markedly reduced quality of life. The prognosis is poor. The combination of a large, likely neoplastic mass with secondary infection, together with severe emaciation and chronicity of disease, make a successful medical or surgical outcome unlikely. Further diagnostics (advanced imaging, biopsy, culture) would be unlikely to alter the immediate welfare concerns and would prolong suffering while definitive therapy would remain uncertain and probably futile.

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It is therefore my professional recommendation that the most humane course of action is humane euthanasia to prevent further and ongoing suffering. Early veterinary intervention, if it had occurred, may have afforded a better prognosis or at least reduced the duration and severity of pain and infection experienced by the animal. On the evidence available at the time of admission, and having considered the animal's welfare, the degree of systemic compromise and the likely underlying pathology, I have concluded that euthanasia is ethically and medically indicated.

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.

Dr A Coultard
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 Cassidy Park on this the 10 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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