

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.

3.

On 20th October 2025, I examined a male canine admitted to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA under admission number A71698. The animal was brought in by Inspectors Jeffrey Mfini and Siviwe Noko in connection with SPCA investigation INSP221455, relating to an inspection conducted at 58 Alpha Way, Ocean View.

4.

The animal examined was identified as a male Pitbull cross, described as a young adult, and suspected to be neutered. The animal had a light brown coat with white markings. No microchip was detected at the time of examination.

5.

On clinical examination, the animal had a body condition score of 3/9, indicating that he was underweight for his breed and frame. The recorded body weight was 25.83 kilograms. The animal was bright, alert and responsive, and exhibited a calm and cooperative temperament during handling. No external parasites were observed, and the dental condition and nails were both within normal limits. Examination of the mucous membranes and other vital parameters were unremarkable.

6.

Upon physical assessment of the external genitalia, no testicles were palpable within the scrotum, and multiple prescrotal skin sutures were present, consistent with the animal having been recently neutered. The ribs, hip bones and tops of the lumbar vertebrae were visible and mildly prominent, which correlated with the recorded body condition score of 3/9. No other external injuries, wounds or abnormalities were detected on clinical examination.

7.

In my professional opinion, the animal was underweight. Given the absence of external parasites, oral abnormalities, the most likely cause of the reduced body condition score is a lack of adequate nutrition. Suboptimal body condition such as this may be the result of inadequate nutrition over a long period or acute severe malnutrition.

8.

The prognosis for the animal was considered good, as no chronic disease or debilitating condition was evident. The animal's recent neuter surgery appeared uncomplicated, and the surgical site showed appropriate healing with no signs of infection or inflammation.

9.

In conclusion, the dog examined appears to have been recently neutered and is underweight. Based on the clinical findings, the condition is most likely due to inadequate nutritional intake rather than an underlying medical condition. The prognosis is good, and the animal is expected to recover fully with proper care and feeding.

AC.

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

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.

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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 _____ on this the _____ day of _____ 20____, 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.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Full names: _____

Designation: _____

Business address: _____