

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 otherwise indicated or unless it appears so from the context. The facts contained herein are also, to the best of my knowledge and belief, both true and correct.

3.

This affidavit pertains to a SPCA case with reference number INSP222783, investigated by Inspector Jeffrey Mfini, regarding adult female Africanis dog surrendered to the SPCA from a property situated at 37 Paddock Crescent in Westridge. The dog was admitted by Chezlyn September and is allegedly owned by Ruby and Eugene Poole. The dog was admitted to the SPCA on 28 October 2025.

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PATIENT INFORMATION:

- **Admission Number:** A72944
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Africanis X Breed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, sterilised.
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Tan, Black and white
- **Microchip:** None detected
- **Name (if known):** Chelsey

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CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

The dog was examined under clinical conditions by myself on 6 November 2025. The following findings were recorded:

- **Body condition score:** 2/9 (very underweight), with visible ribs and prominent bony landmarks.
- **Weight:** 19.82 kg
- **Behaviour:** Bright, alert and responsive.
- **External Parasites:** Ticks present on the ears
- **Dentition:** Severe attrition of upper incisors and damage to lower incisors.
- **Nails:** No abnormalities detected.
- **Other clinical findings:** Mild underbite. Sutures palpable along linea under the skin. Blood smear examination unremarkable.

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

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VETERINARY OPINION:

Upon clinical examination, the animal was found to be in a state of severe emaciation with evident damage to the incisors. In the absence of other clinical signs at the time of assessment, the emaciation was most likely the result of prolonged inadequate nutrition, suggesting the animal had been deprived of sufficient or appropriate food for an extended period.

The damage to the incisors was consistent with abrasion injuries, likely caused by the chewing of hard or rough materials such as bones or other abrasive objects.

Given the severity of the emaciation, it is reasonable to conclude that the animal had been suffering chronically over a period of weeks to months.

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CONCLUSION:

In my professional opinion, Chelsey was in an unacceptably poor body condition, consistent with a body condition score indicative of prolonged neglect of her basic nutritional needs.

The degree of emaciation observed could not have developed over a short period and reflects a sustained failure to provide adequate nutrition and care.

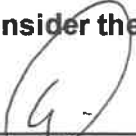
As a result of this, Chelsey could have experienced unnecessary suffering over an extended period, including hunger associated with severe emaciation. This condition represents a significant compromise of her welfare and is consistent with a prolonged period of inadequate care.

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I know and understand the contents of this declaration.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

I consider the prescribed oath 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 _____ 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: