



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr. George Birch**, hereby make oath and declare in English as follows:

1.

I am an adult male veterinarian registered with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) under registration number D06/5077. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree (BVSc), with 16 years of experience. I am currently employed by the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. 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 17 November 2025, I conducted a clinical examination on a dog that was admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal was seized from a property located at 141 8th Avenue, Grassy Park by Inspector Julian Van Der Zandt under case number INSP223394.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A78755
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Rottweiler
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, neutered.
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Black and Tan
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 4/9 (Acceptable but leaning towards underweight)
- **Weight:** 36.6 kg
- **Behaviour:** Excitable, but reluctant to bear weight on the left forelimb
- **Coat Condition:** No abnormalities detected.
- **External Parasites:** None observed
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits.
- **Other clinical findings:**
 - Intermittent non-weight bearing of the left forelimb.
 - Left carpus joint thickened.
 - Multiple healing wounds/scars around the carpus.
 - Noticeable atrophy of the shoulder musculature.

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VETERINARY OPINION:

Under sedation, the following additional findings were noted:

- Crepitus present during manipulation of the left carpus
- Minor joint instability
- Radiographs revealed a minor periosteal reaction of the accessory carpal bone
- Stress views indicated medial collateral ligament damage
- Concern for dorsopalmar instability

The findings are consistent with significant ligament damage and possible joint inflammation secondary to penetrating trauma

A second opinion from a veterinary radiologist is recommended to confirm the extent of joint involvement, possible arthritis, and to provide a clearer timeline of the injury.

Duration of suffering:

The observed muscle atrophy and the presence of healed wounds indicate that the condition has been present for an extended period. While it is difficult to provide an exact timeframe, the degree of muscle atrophy suggests a prolonged period of untreated pain and dysfunction.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The condition is likely to persist without intervention and is expected to cause ongoing pain. Without corrective surgery, the dog is at high risk of developing significant osteoarthritis due to chronic joint instability.

A second-opinion orthopaedic consultation is strongly recommended. Surgical correction is likely required. Pain management must be maintained until definitive treatment can be provided.

7.

CONCLUSION

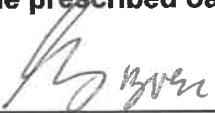
The damage to the left carpus, along with the resulting instability, is causing ongoing and significant pain. It appears that this condition was not appropriately managed prior to admission. While the superficial wounds may have healed naturally, the internal orthopaedic injury would not have resolved without proper veterinary intervention. Prompt and appropriate management is essential to maintain the animal's quality of life and avoid unnecessary suffering.

8.

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

G. Birch

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 01 day of 12 2025, the regulations contained in Government

I, **Dr. George Birch**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

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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COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Full names: _____

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