



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 12 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 2 Dianne Court, Sirius Way, Ocean View by Inspector Jeffrey Mfini under case number INSP220391.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A72958
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** German Shepard Cross
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **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:** 5/9 (Acceptable)
- **Weight:** 15.1 kg
- **Behaviour:** Anxious with fear-related aggression.
- **Coat Condition:**
 - Generalised poor coat quality with brittle fur.
 - Patches of hair loss with associated skin thickening and blackening over the rump and ventral abdomen.
 - Ventral neck shows hair loss with erythema, suspected superficial yeast infection.
- **External Parasites:** None observed

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

- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits.
- **Other clinical findings:** Low-grade external ear canal thickening

4.

VETERINARY OPINION:

The animal most likely suffers from chronic or seasonal canine allergic dermatitis with a flea allergy dermatitis component and concurrent yeast infection.

Cause and nature of conditions: Environmental allergy and flea-bite hypersensitivity.

Duration of suffering appears chronic in nature.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Allergic dermatitis can be challenging to manage; however, many cases respond well with correct treatment and consistent management.

Recommended treatment includes a trial period of prednisolone, topical medicated washes, regular follow-up examinations and strict flea control management.

7.

CONCLUSION

The patient most likely has an ongoing allergic dermatitis that requires long-term management. If not appropriately treated, these cases can progress to severe dermatitis and significant suffering. Consistent follow-up care and strict management are essential to prevent ongoing discomfort.

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

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: _____