



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.

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On 18 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 48 Portland Road, Salt River by Inspector Ayanda Ngcofe under case number INSP219272.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A71163
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Pitbull
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult, approximately 9 years old
- **Colour and Markings:** White and Tan
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Tobì

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 9/9 (Obese)
- **Weight:** 42 kg
- **Behaviour:** Friendly
- **Coat Condition:** Generalised coat abnormalities noted, including:
 - Nasal planum hair loss with possible solar dermatitis
 - Alopecia caudal to both ears
 - "Moth-eaten" alopecia with abnormal skin affecting poorly pigmented areas, mainly the lateral shoulders and chest
 - Ventral abdomen, lateral stifles, and hocks showing alopecia and skin thickening


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- Ventral abdomen exhibiting multifocal ulceration, suspicious for squamous cell carcinoma (SCC)
- **External Parasites:** None observed
- **Dentition and Nails:** Dentition within normal limits; nails overgrown
- **Eyes:**
 - Right eye cloudy with mucoid discharge
 - Scleral inflammation
 - Corneal neovascularisation present

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VETERINARY OPINION:

The patchy dermal pathology appears “moth-eaten” but does not appear inflammatory in nature. The animal shows minimal discomfort associated with these lesions.

The ventral ulcerative lesions are strongly suggestive of squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), likely secondary to chronic sun exposure and poor skin pigmentation.

The right eye condition is consistent with keratoconjunctivitis sicca (dry eye), likely immune-mediated in origin.

Cause and nature of conditions: The Patchy dermal condition has an unknown cause. The SCC on ventrum is likely caused by chronic sun exposure and poor pigment. The Ocular lesion is likely an immune-mediated disease

Duration of suffering The SCC is slowly progressive, The ocular disease is also slowly progressive. The dermal condition duration is unclear.

I would advise ongoing management of these conditions with regular follow ups.

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PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Prognosis: Patchy skin condition: unclear prognosis. Ventral SCC has poor long-term prognosis with high likelihood of recurrence after surgical removal. The right eye dry eye has a good prognosis with chronic medical management

Recommended Treatment / Actions: Patchy alopecia: blood chemistry and skin biopsy. SCC: surgical intervention recommended. Right eye: repeat fluorescein stain test, and continue prescribed medication.

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CONCLUSION

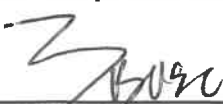
The SCC and chronic right-eye keratoconjunctivitis sicca have the potential to cause significant long-term discomfort if not appropriately treated and monitored. While the generalised skin condition does not appear to cause marked current discomfort.

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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

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

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: _____