



AFFIDAVIT – VETERINARY REPORT

I, **Dr. Rivona Ramnanan**, 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 D19/12245. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree (BVSc), with 8 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 18 December 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 33 Woodswallow Road, Pelican Park by Inspector Julian Van Der Zandt under case number INSP223549.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A73077
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Cross breed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult.
- **Colour and Markings:** Brown and Black
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 3/9 (Underweight)
- **Weight:** 25 kg
- **Behaviour:** Friendly and easy to handle.
- **Coat Condition:**
 - Marked alopecia noted on the ear pinnae, ventral aspect of the chest and abdomen, medial aspects of the forelimbs, and both the lateral and medial aspects of the hind limbs.
 - Clinical signs were consistent with pruritic skin disease.
- **External Parasites:** None observed
- **Dentition and Nails:** Teeth and nails within normal limits

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VETERINARY OPINION:

Based on the above clinical findings, it is my professional veterinary opinion that the dog is affected by a chronic dermatological condition characterised by generalised alopecia and pruritus.

The most likely underlying cause is an allergic condition, with differential diagnoses including food-related allergy and atopic dermatitis. Atopic dermatitis remains a diagnosis of exclusion and can only be confirmed following appropriate diagnostic investigation and elimination trials.

The duration of the condition described above is assessed to be ongoing for several months.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Prognosis is assessed as good, provided appropriate diagnostic investigation and management are instituted.

Recommended course of action:

- Routine tick and flea control.
- A six- to eight-week elimination diet trial to assess for food-related allergy.
- If no clinical improvement is observed following dietary intervention, atopic dermatitis should be considered, and ongoing medical management such as Cytopoint or Apoquel therapy may be required

7.

CONCLUSION

In my professional opinion, this dog is experiencing significant pruritus, which is inherently uncomfortable and distressing. The chronic nature of the untreated skin condition indicates that the animal has been subjected to ongoing irritation and discomfort over an extended period of time.

In my opinion, the failure to adequately investigate and manage this chronic dermatological condition has resulted in unnecessary suffering. While diagnostic skin work-ups and long-term management for atopic disease can be time-consuming and costly, appropriate veterinary intervention is essential to alleviate discomfort and improve the animal's welfare.

With proper treatment and ongoing management, a favourable clinical outcome is achievable.

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

I, **Dr. Rivona Ramnanan**, 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 Cape of Good Hope / bpcspca on this the 19 day of December 2025, 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: _____