

# Affidavit – Veterinary Report

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

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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.

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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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This affidavit pertains to SPCA case number INSP218812, investigated by Inspector Julian Van Der Zandt, regarding an adult crossbreed dog that were seized from the property situated at 216 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Retreat, and admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA on 4 November 2025.

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## PATIENT INFORMATION:

- **Admission number:** A73043
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Mixed
- **Sex and reproductive status:** Female, intact.
- **Estimated age:** Adult
- **Colour and markings:** Black and White.
- **Microchip:** None detected
- **Name (if known):** Unknown

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## CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

The dog was examined under clinical conditions on 2 December 2025. The purpose of this examination was to assess general health as well as suitability for adoption. The following findings were recorded:

- **Body condition score:** 3/9 (Underweight)
- **Weight:** 28 kg.
- **Behaviour:** Bright and responsive
- **Coat condition:**
  - Three small epidermal masses present on the skin over the neck.
  - One large, soft mass present in the inguinal region.
  - One firm mass palpated within the tissue of the right mammary gland
- **External parasites:** None observed.
- **Dentition and nails:**
  - Moderate plaque and tartar build-up.
  - Multiple tooth fractures involving the canine teeth and incisors

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

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**VETERINARY OPINION:**

Based on the above clinical findings, it is my professional veterinary opinion that the dog presents with multiple masses involving the skin and subcutaneous tissues, as well as significant dental pathology including multiple fractured teeth and ongoing dental disease.

Based on subjective clinical assessment, the large inguinal mass is suspected to be either a lipoma or an inguinal hernia. The mass affecting the mammary tissue is suspected, on clinical examination, to be neoplastic in nature or alternatively consistent with chronic mastitis.

The duration of the conditions described above is assessed as chronic in nature. At this stage, the prognosis remains guarded to unclear, pending further diagnostic investigation.

The recommended course of action is further diagnostic work-up, including diagnostic imaging (radiographs) and histopathological examination, is required to determine the aetiopathology of the various masses. In my professional opinion, the dog would also require a full dental scale and polish, as well as extraction of the damaged teeth.

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**CONCLUSION:**

In my professional opinion, the findings described above indicate that the dog has been suffering from multiple chronic medical conditions. The presence of untreated masses, suspected mammary pathology, significant dental disease and fractured teeth would have caused ongoing pain, discomfort and distress.

In my opinion, the prolonged presence of these conditions without appropriate veterinary intervention constitutes unnecessary suffering. Given the chronic nature of the medical concerns identified, the extensive surgical and medical investigations required to determine definitive diagnoses, and the associated concern for neoplastic disease, I conclude that this dog is not a suitable candidate for adoption at this time.

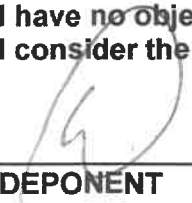
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**I know and understand the content of this declaration.**

**I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.**

**I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.**

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**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.

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**COMMISSIONER OF OATHS**

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

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**Full names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Designation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business address:** \_\_\_\_\_