



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 80 Fishermans Walk, Zeekoevlei by Inspector Julian Van Der Zandt under case number INSP22219.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A73079
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Pitbull
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult.
- **Colour and Markings:** White and Brown
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 4/9 (Acceptable)
- **Weight:** 23.8 kg
- **Behaviour:** Friendly and easy to handle.
- **Coat Condition:** Generalised coat abnormalities noted. Areas of alopecia present on the front hind limbs and the ventral aspect of the body
- **External Parasites:** None observed
- **Dentition and Nails:** Minor dental wear noted; nails within normal limits
- **Other clinical findings:** Enlargement of the caudal left mammary glands noted on palpation.

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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, with alopecia and skin changes consistent with an underlying allergic process. Differential diagnoses include food-related allergy and atopic dermatitis, with atopy being a diagnosis of exclusion.

The enlargement of the caudal left mammary glands is considered abnormal and would require further diagnostic investigation, including biopsy, to determine the underlying cause and to rule out neoplastic or inflammatory disease.

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

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Prognosis is assessed as fair. With appropriate diagnostic work-up and treatment, the dermatological condition may be manageable and capable of improvement over time.

The prognosis regarding the mammary gland enlargement cannot be determined without further diagnostic investigation.

Recommended course of action:

- Dermatological work-up, including an eight-week elimination food trial and further skin investigations.
- Atopic dermatitis can only be diagnosed through a process of exclusion.
- Mammary gland biopsy to determine the nature and cause of the glandular enlargement prior to instituting definitive treatment.

7.

CONCLUSION

In my professional opinion, this dog is in generally acceptable body condition and is friendly and manageable in temperament. Despite this, the identified skin condition is likely to have caused ongoing irritation, pruritus and discomfort over an extended period of time. The mammary gland enlargement, while not currently causing overt clinical distress, is abnormal and would reasonably be expected to cause discomfort and potential pain.

In my opinion, the chronic nature of the untreated dermatological disease and mammary gland enlargement indicates that the dog has experienced ongoing and unnecessary suffering, which could have been mitigated through timely veterinary assessment and intervention. With appropriate diagnostics, management and treatment, a favourable outcome may be achievable, subject to the results of further investigations.

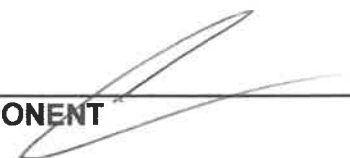
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I know and understand the content of this declaration.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

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

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



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 Cape of Good Hope Stn 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: _____