



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 10 of February 2025,

I, Dr Anja Coulthard, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog confiscated by the SPCA by Inspector Ayanda Ngcofe from address 17 Alamein Rd, Milnerton, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Portos
Species: Canine
Breed: Doberman
Sex: Male intact
Age: Adult
Description: Black and brown
Case number: INSP210461

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

Portos presented with a mass of the gingiva on his lower right mandible in line with his lower right canine tooth. It was the size of a large grape with a hole dorsally from the upper canine. He had a mild mucoïd discharge from the right eye. Otherwise clinically with normal parameters.

- **Duration** of the condition

Chronic. Due to the size of the mass it is likely to have taken time to develop

- **Cause** of the condition

A biopsy and histopathological analysis would be required to definitively diagnose the cause of the mass. Differential diagnoses include an epulis, odontogenic fibroma or acanthomatous ameloblastoma.

- **Prognosis** – Variable. Depends on the specific diagnosis.

- **Recommendation**

In my opinion this mass could be impeding the animal's ability to eat comfortably and the indentation of the upper canine into the mass is likely to be painful. My recommendation is that a biopsy sample be taken of the mass and sent for histopathological analysis. Surgical debulking of the lesion can be done, but given the location it would not be possible to resect with clear margins without cutting into the mandible. Thus, continued monitoring for recurrence would be necessary. If adequate medical care is unable to be provided, I would not recommend Portos be returned to the owner.

Yours sincerely

Dr A Coulthard (BVSc)
Veterinarian

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