



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 Jeffrey Mfini from address 28 Range Road, The Range, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Roxy
Species: Canine
Breed: Mixed breed
Sex: Female intact
Age: Adult
Description: Tan and black
Case number: 210644

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

Roxy presented moderately emaciated with a body condition score of 2 out of 9 on the Nestle Purina body condition system. She had a moderate tick burden and flea dirt was present on her coat. Her lower incisors were worn down and there were areas of alopecia and darkened pigmentation over both hip bones. There was mild hair thinning over all four limbs. She has a pinpoint skin wound above her right eye.

Duration of the condition
Chronic.

- **Cause** of the condition

A skin scrape was performed of the affected areas and no parasites were seen on examination of this. I suspect these areas are chronic callouses, potentially from lying on hard or rough surfaces. The emaciation is likely the result of inadequate nutrition.

- **Prognosis** – Good.

- **Recommendation**

In my opinion, inadequate nutrition and poor husbandry has resulted in the dog's condition deteriorating. I recommend Roxy be returned to her owner's provided they receive education on pet care and nutrition from inspectorate and they provide external parasite control. The worn down incisors likely have pulp exposure which is painful and thus I would recommend she be sent for a dental examination and the incisors potentially extracted.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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