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RE: Spotted Eagle Owl (*Bubo aricanus*) Post Mortem Examination Report

To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this report is to state the findings of a post mortem examination performed on an adult Spotted Eagle Owl which was collected by the SPCA in Sea Point, Cape Town, on 17 February 2025 and brought to False Bay Vet the following morning.

History:

The owl was seen to be attacked by an adult human male individual who struck the owl with a stick.

External Findings:

- Several wounds to the head, neck and thorax ranging from 0.5cm to 3cm diameter
- Large gaping wound over the left thoracic region with section of overlying skin, ribs and internal organs missing (suspect from scavenging animals only after the owl was killed).
- Complete closed fractures of left and right humerus
- Severe damage to overlying tissue of left jaw
- Fractured left temporomandibular joint
- Severe damage to occipito-atlas-axis region of neck with overlying skin sloughed off and a partial decapitation.

Internal findings:

- Large suggillation haemorrhages consistent with blunt trauma visible in subcutaneous tissue of remaining skin over the left thoracic wall.
- Small ecchymotic haemorrhage over left dorso-lateral aspect of occipital region of skull
- Fractured ends visible where missing ribs were previously
- Complete fractures of left and right humerus and oblique fractures of left and right radius.



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Conclusion:

This owl was brutally attacked to the head, neck and thorax and resulted in the death of the owl.

For any questions or concerns, please contact me directly.

Regards,

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