



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 19th of February 2025,

I, Dr Anja Coulthard, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog surrendered to the SPCA by Ernest Meyer from address Nutri Humis / Waste Carriers, Varkensvlei Road, Phillipi, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Captain
Species: Canine
Breed: Rottweiler
Sex: Male intact
Age: Adult
Description: Tan and black
Case number: 211932

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

Captain presented underweight, with a body condition score of 2/9 on the Nestle Purina body condition system. His coat was in poor condition and he had moderate alopecia of both ear margins and around the eyes. He had mucopurulent discharge from both eyes and entropion of both eyelids. Schirmer tear test and fluorescein tests were unremarkable. There was an older granulating wound approximately 10cm in diameter on the left side of the muzzle. The left ear canal was stenotic and narrowed.

Duration of the condition

Chronic. Wound granulation takes at least a few days to occur.

- **Cause** of the condition

A skin scrape was performed of the alopecic areas and no parasites were seen. It is likely the poor coat condition and body condition score are due to inadequate nutrition. The cause of the wound is unclear. Stenosis of the left ear canal is likely due to chronic ear infections. Entropion can be due to conformation or spastic entropion.

- **Prognosis** – Guarded

- **Recommendation**

In my experience, inadequate nutrition and poor husbandry is usually the cause of poor coat condition and poor body condition scores. Captain has suffered unnecessarily due to lack of veterinary care following the injury to his muzzle and lack of treatment for his bilateral entropion. I would recommend referral to a veterinary ophthalmologist for further work up and treatment of the entropion which may include surgical intervention. Captain also requires pain management and treatment of the wound on his muzzle. I would not recommend the prior owner be allowed to reclaim Captain as he has failed to provide adequate medical treatment for him.

If the veterinary treatments recommended are unable to be performed, I would recommend humane euthanasia to prevent further suffering.

Yours sincerely

Dr A Coulthard (BVSc)

Veterinarian

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