



On the 21st of February 2025, I examined a dog confiscated by the SPCA from the address 108 Pinehurst Road, Kenwyn, Cape Town.

Patient:

Name:

Species: Canine

Breed: Doberman

Description: Black and tan

Age: Adult

Sex: Intact Male

Case number: 203489

Admission number: 58212

Description of the condition:

The dog presented with a body condition score of 3 out of 9 on the Nestle Purina body condition system. His faeces had worms and bones present and there was an eosinophilia present on blood smear. Both ears were cropped and his tail was docked. Clinical exam was otherwise within normal limits.

Prognosis: Good.

Cause of the condition:

The dog's poor body condition is likely linked to his ongoing worm burden and inadequate nutrition. The docked tail and cropped ears are well healed and it is likely this was done quite some time ago.

Recommendation:

In my opinion the dog's condition has occurred due to lack of adequate nutrition and a regular deworming protocol. It is also my recommendation that this dog not be allowed to consume bones as these can cause obstructions in the gastrointestinal tract, that may on occasion require surgery to remove. It is my recommendation that Inspectorate provide education on proper pet husbandry and nutrition to the owner. If the owner is unable to satisfy requirements provide adequate nutrition, veterinary care and regular deworming treatment, I would not recommend the dog be returned.

Regards

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