



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 28th of February 2025,

I, Dr Anja Coulthard, was requested to perform a veterinary report on two dogs confiscated by the SPCA by Inspector Jeffrey Msini from address 52 Table Mountain Road, Heideveld, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name:

Species: Canine

Breed: Mixed breed

Sex: Female intact and male intact

Age: Young adults

Description: Tan and white

Case number: 213441

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

The female dog presented with a body condition score of 4 out of 9 on the Nestle Purina score. She had fleas and flea dirt in her coat and long claws. She had a retained deciduous maxillary canine on the left side of her jaw.

The male dog presented with a body condition score of 2 out of 9 on the Nestle Purina score. This classifies him as severely underweight. He had ticks and fleas in his coat and long claws.

Both dogs had a stress leukogram and eosinophilia on blood smear examination.

- **Duration** of the condition

Chronic. The poor coat condition, overgrown claws and emaciation of the male dog would take time to develop.

- **Cause** of the condition

The poor overall condition of the dogs and their external parasite burdens are likely the result of a poor husbandry, lack of regular external parasite control and inadequate nutrition. The eosinophilia seen in both dogs may also indicate a helminth infestation. Retained deciduous teeth can occur as an incidental finding.

- **Prognosis** – Good.

- **Recommendation**

In my opinion, inadequate nutrition and poor husbandry has resulted in these two dogs' poor condition. I do not recommend that they be returned to the owner given the owner has failed to provide proper treatment and care. If they were to be returned, I would recommend the owner receive education on pet care and nutrition from inspectorate and that they prove capable of providing adequate nutrition and external parasite control. The retained deciduous canine in the female dog may need extraction provided it does not fall out on its own. Due to the positioning it will provide an ideal space for tartar build up and food accumulation leading to potential dental health issues in the future. Thus I would recommend she be sent for a dental examination and potential extraction of the retained deciduous tooth.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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