



## **VETERINARY REPORT**

To whom it may concern

On Thursday, 27 February 2025, SPCA Inspector R. Davids collected a dog from 6 Mayfield Crescent, Ottery.

### **ANIMAL DETAILS**

**Species:** Canine

**Breed:** Pitbull

**Sex:** Male sterilized

**Age:** Adult

**Name:** Masson

**Description:** White/tan

### **EXAMINATION FINDINGS**

- **Description** – Masson presented with bilateral hair loss on his hind limbs exposing thickened, inflamed skin – this indicates a bacterial dermatitis secondary to allergic skin disease. During palpation, he showed discomfort indicating that this area is most likely painful. He has a small mass on the lower part of his back. Fine needle aspirate of mass showed sebaceous gland impaction. The rostral edge of his nose is pink indicating sun sensitivity. He is not leash trained and unpredictable during handling indicating he has not been adequately socialized.
- **Prognosis** – Fair provided treatment is followed and preventative care is done consistently.
- **Recommendation** – He will require a long course of antibiotics for 3-6 weeks to recover from his bacterial dermatitis. He will require a short course of prednisone to overcome the initial itchiness of his allergic skin disease. The owner will have to be diligent with his tick and flea control, i.e. Bravecto every 3 months or Nexgard monthly, to prevent recurrence of the skin allergy. He will need a growth removal to remove his affected sebaceous gland otherwise it will consistently become impacted. The owner will need to do daily pet sunscreen as the unpigmented area of his nose is highly prone to developing skin cancer.

### **COMMENTS**

If regular tick and flea control is not sufficient to prevent his allergic skin disease, the owner will need to go to a veterinarian for a skin consult and may either be recommended a specialised skin diet or targeted immunotherapy in the form of Cytopoint or Apoquel, sometimes a combination of all of the above are needed to prevent allergic skin disease and maintain the health of the skin barrier.

In my opinion this animal should have seen a veterinarian timeously and will take time to heal.

Yours sincerely

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**Veterinarian**

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