



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern, the below animal was abandoned. The animal was collected 28 Centaur Road, Bayview.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Canine
Breed: Pitbull x
Sex: Male intact
Age: Adult
Name: Simba
Description: Tan and white
Weight: 28.06kg
Admission number: A54665

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- Description of condition

All vital parameters were within normal limits.

According to the Nestlé PURINA Body Condition Score, the body condition score was 2/9.

Infestation of ticks and fleas on the body.

Left hind leg – dewclaw was overgrown and callous on the left hip noted.

Right hind leg – dewclaw nail had grown into the digital pad.

Left and right front leg – callouses present.

Teeth – all mandibular incisors worn down with pulp exposure. The mandibular incisors had varying levels of wear. Maxillary left and right canine worn down with pulp exposure.

Mass noted on the right-hand side, next to the penis. The mass is approximately 15cm in length, 7.5cm width

- Duration (weight loss, growth next to penis, parasite infestation)

Chronic.

- Prognosis

Poor

COMMENTS

In my opinion, this dog has experienced neglect and suffering. A body condition score of 2/9 is unacceptable.

The presence of calluses is suggested that this dog was laying on hard surfaces and the fact that the dog had such a poor body condition score, bony prominences when exposed to hard surfaces are also prone to forming calluses to "cushion the body".

Pulp exposure is painful and can cause significant pain and discomfort, especially when chewing food. Ingrown nails are painful and timeous trimming of nails are required to prevent such a condition from occurring.

The nature of the mass when examined under the microscope was infected and highly suggestive of cancer. To confirm such a diagnosis, it is advisable that samples are sent to an IDEXX laboratory for further testing. Cancer can also attribute to the poor body condition of the dog.

Overall this dog was in an exceptionally poor condition and has suffered unnecessarily. The basics of pet care and ownership were not provided such as tick and flea control, soft bedding, trimming of nails. The mass next to the penis is concerning and it is evident that adequate and timeous veterinary intervention was not provided. It was advised that this animal be humanely euthanised to prevent further suffering.

Yours sincerely

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