



**THE ANIMAL
HOSPITAL
AND VETSHOP**

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Client Details		Patient Details	
Name	SPCA Cape of Good Hope	Name	A56815
Address	VAT# 4580103804 Cnr of First Road and 1st Avenue Grassy Park 7941	Species	Canine (Dog)
		Breed	Cross Breed
		Age	Deceased (01-03-2025)
Phone(s)	Home: 021 700 4166 Mobile: 0717242844 Work: 021 700 4166 Fax: 27217052127	Sex	Female

Clinical Summary for A56815

SWORN AFFIDAVIT

1, I, Dr. Nicola Tuckniss (D23/17424), hereby make oath and solemnly declare the following in English:

2. Declaration of Truth

All facts contained herein are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct, except where otherwise stated.

3. Professional Background

I am a qualified veterinarian currently employed at TAH Rosmead, located at 78 Rosmead Avenue, Kenilworth, Cape Town. I can be contacted by telephone at 021 647 0034.

4. Details of Examination

On 1st March 2025, I conducted an examination of a female (sterilization status unknown), adult mixed-breed dog, which was presented to our hospital following confiscation from its owner's premises. The history of the dog was unknown.

5. Findings and Observations

The facts recorded in this report were established through an examination requiring specialized veterinary expertise. The following were noted upon examination of the dog:

Description

Breed: Mixed breed

Sex: Female

Body Condition Score: 2/5

Temperature: 40.7°C

Clinical Examination

- The patient was underweight, with evident muscle wastage affecting the hind legs and spine.
- The patient was unable to walk or support weight. All four limbs were extended, and painful manipulation was noted. The patient was highly reactive to touch, making it difficult to pinpoint exact areas of pain.
- Neurological signs were observed, including the inability to hold its head up, flailing movements, and needing assistance to move. The patient appeared to be in visible distress and was actively vocalizing.
- The ear pinnae were infested with ticks, and the body was also infested with fleas.
- Signs of severe dehydration were present, including delayed skin tenting, sunken eyes, and delayed capillary refill time.
- The patient was painful and reactive, attempting to bite when handled

6. Summary of Clinical Concerns



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- The dog exhibited visible distress and pain, with an inability to stand, extended limbs, and generalized weakness. These symptoms raised concerns of a potential underlying neurological disorder. Given the presentation, further diagnostic tests would have been required to determine the precise cause of these clinical signs.
- The patient's poor body condition, along with the infestations of ticks and fleas, and the severe dehydration, all indicate potential neglect. Additionally, the markedly elevated temperature raised concerns of either infection, heat stroke, or both.
- Based on the severity of the presentation, it was clear that the animal required immediate emergency medical intervention and had been suffering for an unknown duration.

7. Conclusion

Due to the lack of available history, it is difficult to determine the exact duration of the animal's suffering. However, the clear signs of neglect were evident. Given the distressed condition of the patient and the lack of viable options for treatment, humane euthanasia was deemed necessary to prevent further suffering.

I affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Sworn and signed this 10 day of March, 2025.

Signature of Deponent: 

Dr. Nicola Tuckniss
Veterinarian (D23/17424)

Signed before me at kenilworth, this day of March, 2025.

Signature of Commissioner of Oaths:

[Name and Title]
[Commissioner of Oaths Details]

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