



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 6th of February 2025,

I, Dr Anja Coulthard, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog confiscated by the SPCA from address 47 Stirrup Crescent, Kenilworth, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Bino
Species: Canine
Breed: Great Dane
Sex: Male intact
Age: Adult
Description: Black and white
Case number: INSP209930

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

Bino presented with a body condition score of 4 out of 9 on the Nestle Purina Body condition system which is considered an adequate weight. He had ticks and fleas present in his coat and his coat was coarse. On his right hip he had an approximately 10cm by 10cm hair covered firm subcutaneous mass that was slightly mobile but on palpation appeared to be attached to underlying tissues.

- **Duration** of the condition

Chronic. A mass of that size will usually take an extended time to grow.

- **Cause** of the condition

A fine needle aspirate of the mass was taken which did not yield a diagnostic sample. The poor coat quality is likely linked to the flea burden present.

- **Prognosis** – Fair

- **Recommendation**

I would recommend that a biopsy be taken of the mass and the sample sent for histopathological examination. Surgical removal of the mass with adequate margins may be challenging due to the location and knowledge of the type of mass would be a useful aid for surgical planning and prognostication. Depending on the results of the histopathological analysis, surgical removal of the mass may be the recommended treatment.

In my opinion, if the owner is able to provide this recommended veterinary care and is educated on, and can provide regular ectoparasite control, then Bino can be returned. If the cause of the mass is not investigated and the mass surgically removed or debulked it may cause discomfort to Bino. Additionally, if the mass is neoplastic it may metastasise and cause further detriment to his health. As such, if biopsy or removal of the mass is not able to be performed, I would not recommend Bino be returned to his owner.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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