



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 14th of March 2025,

I, Dr Anja Coulthard, examined a dog I was requested to perform a veterinary report on that was confiscated by the SPCA from the address 17 Sussex Road, Woodstock, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Major
Species: Canine
Breed: Pitbull cross
Sex: Male intact
Age: Adult
Description: Brown, tan and white
Admission number: A58601
Case number: 213220

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

Major presented with a body condition score of 1,5 out of 9 on the Nestle Purina Body Condition System which is considered severely emaciated. He had widespread multifocal areas of alopecia over his face, back, tail and limbs. The alopecia was most severe on the lumbosacral region and the skin had crusting and excoriations (wounds likely from scratching) present. His coat was stiff and coarse.

Major had mild bilateral mucopurulent ocular discharge and conjunctivitis. On Schirmer tear test his results were below the normal range. On the right eyelid margins there were two small skin growths present, both less than 5mm in size.

A skin scrape was performed and no mites were seen on examination. On blood smear there was a mild inflammatory leukogram and mild eosinophilia.

- **Duration** of the condition

Chronic.

- **Cause** of the condition

The distribution of the coat lesions is very suggestive of flea allergic dermatitis. The crusting present is likely due to a secondary superficial pyoderma occurring as a result of the already compromised skin.

The mucopurulent discharge is likely due to a mild keratoconjunctivitis.

- **Prognosis** – Fair.

- **Recommendation**

In my opinion Major should not be returned to his owner as he has been left to suffer for an extended period of time without intervention. This has resulted in a preventable condition progressing to such a severe state that he has scratched open wounds into his skin and likely has a secondary skin infection. Treatment of this condition requires long term medical management and regular external parasite control. Additionally, Major is severely emaciated. This level of emaciation in my experience takes an extended period of time without adequate nutrition to develop.

Yours sincerely

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Veterinarian

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