



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 26th of March 2025,

I, Dr Anja Coulthard, was requested to perform a veterinary examination for a vet report on a kitten confiscated by the SPCA from address 19 Holderness Road, Kenwyn, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name:

Species: Feline

Breed: Domestic Shorthair

Sex: Female intact

Age: Approximately 4-5 weeks old based off of the deciduous teeth eruption.

Description: Black

Admission number: A54677

Case number: 214629

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition

On presentation the kitten weighed 200 grams and her eyes were encrusted shut with dried purulent exudate. When the crust was wiped away from both, a large amount of purulent exudate was discharged. The eyes appeared normal on examination after the purulent exudate was removed. The kitten's gums were pale pink and blood smear examination showed evidence of a mild inflammatory leukogram and mild regenerative anaemia. There was a moderate amount of flea dirt present in her coat.

- **Duration** of the condition

Subacute-Chronic.

- **Cause** of the condition

Purulent ocular discharge and conjunctivitis in kittens is often associated with Feline herpesvirus 1 infection. Sometimes it is also associated with other pathogens of the feline respiratory disease complex.

- **Prognosis** – Poor.

- **Recommendation**

In my opinion the kitten suffered unnecessarily as she did not receive adequate or timely home care or veterinary treatment. Three of the five freedoms of animal welfare were compromised in this case. In my opinion the cat was experiencing discomfort, suffering from a disease and as she was unable to open her eyes, she was also prevented from expressing normal behaviour. Treatment for this condition may have been simple if she were to have received veterinary care at an appropriate time.

Unfortunately, due to the condition and age of the kitten, humanely euthanasia was performed to prevent further suffering and potential spread of disease.

Yours sincerely

Dr A Coulthard (BVSc)

Veterinarian

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