



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 2 April 2025,

I, Dr Anja Coulthard, was requested to perform a veterinary report on two dogs confiscated by the SPCA by Inspector R Davids from address 19 Puma Road, Ocean View, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Unknown
Species: Canine
Breed: Pitbull
Sex: Male neutered & Female spayed.
Age: Adult
Description: Brown and white & tan and white respectively
Case number: 207880
Admission number: A60501 & A60502

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition
A50601 presented underweight with a score of 3/9 on the Nestle Purina Body Condition system. She had a mild underbite or prognathism with mild tartar build up on her teeth. She had a moderate flea infestation and her coat was otherwise in decent condition. She had two skin sutures present on the medial ventral abdomen and sutures could be palpated deeper under the skin. Her nails were long.
A50602 presented underweight with a score of 2,5/9 on the Nestle Purina Body Condition System. He had a moderate underbite or prognathism and moderate flea infestation. No testicles were palpable. One tick seen in the ear and a small puncture wound (~1mm x 1mm) on the inside of the left pinnae. On blood smear examination a mild eosinophilia was seen.
- **Duration** of the condition
Chronic.
- **Cause** of the condition
In my experience, poor and inadequate nutrition are often the causes of low body condition scores in cases such as this where the dogs are otherwise clinically normal on examination. The mild eosinophilia seen in the male dog may be associated with an ectoparasite burden.
- **Prognosis** – Good
- **Comment:**
In my opinion the poor body condition scores and flea infestations of these dogs are indicative of poor husbandry and neglect of their basic needs. The five freedoms of animal welfare indicate an animal should not suffer from hunger or discomfort. It is my recommendation that, if the owner is able to provide adequate nutrition and regular ectoparasite control for the dogs, they may be returned. I recommend that the owner also receives education on proper animal care from Inspectorate if they are returned. If the owner is unable to provide this basic care, I would not recommend they be returned as they may continue to suffer.

Yours sincerely

Dr A Coulthard (BVSc)
Veterinarian

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