



VETERINARY REPORT

On 30 April 2025,

I, Dr Anja Coulthard, was requested to perform a veterinary report on a dog confiscated by the SPCA by Inspector Jeffrey Mfini from address No 47 NY 28, Gugulethu, Cape Town.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Danger
Species: Canine
Breed: Pitbull
Sex: Male intact
Age: Adult
Description: White and brown, short coat
Case number: 215622

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition
Danger presented bright, alert and responsive with a non-weight-bearing lameness of the left front limb. His body condition score was 3/5 and he had two palpable testes. On the fourth digit of the left forelimb there was an open wound with visible bone on examination. Radiographs of the carpus revealed a complete open comminuted fracture of the distal phalanx of the 4th digit at the level of the claw. The distal fragment was not present. Please see attached photographs and radiographs in the addendum.
- **Duration** of the condition
Subacute to acute
- **Cause** of the condition
The most likely cause of this injury is a traumatic incident.
- **Prognosis** – Good.
- **Comment:**
In my opinion this dog suffered unnecessarily from a likely very painful condition when his owner failed to provide prompt veterinary care. In failing to provide veterinary care for Danger, the five freedoms of animal welfare were compromised. He was not afforded freedom from pain or fear and distress. He was also put at higher risk of developing an infection as the wound was not treated appropriately and promptly. I would recommend surgical amputation of the affected portion of the digit in this case.

Yours sincerely

Dr A Coulthard (BVSc)
Veterinarian

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Addendum



Figure 1 Radiograph of the affected limb



Figure 2 Photograph of the open wound on the digit