



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr Anja Coulthard**, hereby make oath and declare in English as follows:

1.

I am an adult female veterinarian registered with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) under registration number CS25/18419. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree and have been practising for 6 months as of the date of this report. I am currently employed by the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. I am competent to provide veterinary services and experienced in identifying clinical signs of neglect and cruelty in animals.

2.

The facts contained in this affidavit fall within my personal knowledge unless indicated otherwise or unless it appears so from the context. The facts are also, to the best of my knowledge and belief, both true and correct.

3.

On 4 July 2025, I conducted a clinical examination on a canine admitted to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA on 3 July 2025, brought in by Inspector Jeffrey Mfini under SPCA Case Number INSP210196. The animal was removed from the property located at 39 Glider Street in Beacon Valley.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

Admission number: A63579
Species: Canine
Breed: Pitbull
Sex and reproductive status: Male (neutered)
Estimated Age: Adult
Colour and markings: Brown and white
Name (if known): Socks / Bruno

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Body condition score: 1/9 (Emaciated)
Weight: 14.39 kg
Behaviour: Bright, alert, and responsive
Presence of parasites: Ticks were observed on the coat
Dental condition: Mild tartar present
Coat: Coarse and dull in appearance

4.

PROFESSIONAL VETERINARY OPINION:

In my professional opinion, the dog is suffering from severe emaciation and an external parasite burden. The absence of other significant clinical abnormalities, combined with the very poor body condition score, indicates that the most likely cause of this condition is a

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prolonged period of inadequate nutrition or starvation. There was no evidence of underlying disease or injury that would otherwise explain this condition.

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DURATION OF SUFFERING:

The condition appears chronic, indicating that the suffering has been ongoing for an extended period of time.

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PROGNOSIS:

The prognosis for recovery is good, provided that the dog receives appropriate and consistent veterinary care, including an enhanced nutrition plan and an external parasite control programme.

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RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION:

- Implementation of a targeted nutritional rehabilitation programme
- Treatment for external parasites
- Continued monitoring of body weight and condition

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CONCLUSION:

Based on the clinical findings and in my expert opinion, the animal should not be returned to the owner. The dog's severely emaciated condition strongly suggests long-term neglect and failure to meet basic nutritional needs, which constitutes a contravention of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962. The presentation of the animal on admission was unacceptable, and the owner has demonstrated an inability to provide adequately for the animal's care and wellbeing.

9.

I know and understand the content of this declaration.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.


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DEPONENT

The deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at Grassy Park on this the 9th day of July 2025, the regulations contained in Government Notice No R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended, and Government Notice No R1648 of 19 August 1977, as amended, having been complied with.


COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

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