



VETERINARY REPORT

Case Number: INSP215650
Attending Inspector: Rowan Davids
Owner: Anthea Crook
Address: 27 Prince William Street, Southfield
Date Admitted into SPCA: 16 July 2025

ANIMAL 1

Name: Coco
Admission Number: **A60548**
Species: Canine
Breed: Pitbull
Sex and Reproductive Status: Female, intact
Estimated Age: Adult
Colour and Markings: Brown/White
Microchip Number: Not provided

1. Clinical Examination Findings:

- Body Condition Score: 7 (Overweight)
- Weight: 27 kg
- Behaviour: Good, though overexcitable
- External Parasites: None observed
- Dental Health: No abnormalities detected
- Nails: No abnormalities detected
- Other Findings:
 - Skin: Periaural hair loss; periocular hair loss on the left side with crusting
 - Ears: Bilateral otitis externa with chronic skin changes
 - Respiratory: Tracheal irritation when on lead, raising concern for developing tracheitis

2. Veterinary Opinion:

- Medical Concerns: As above
- Cause and Nature of Conditions: Underlying allergic dermatitis with associated otitis externa and facial pruritis
- Duration of Suffering: Ongoing, low-morbidity condition that is typically difficult to manage
- Prognosis: Good, contingent on treatment response and owner compliance
- Recommended Course of Action:
 - Skin scrape (results within normal limits)

- Ear smear (Right ear: cocci ++++; Left ear: Malassezia +)
- Initiate prednisone drug trial
- Continue targeted treatment for bacterial otitis externa

3. Conclusion

This is most often a chronic condition requiring ongoing seasonal or year-round management.

ANIMAL 2

Name: Xavier

Admission Number: **A60549**

Species: Canine

Breed: Pitbull

Sex and Reproductive Status: Male, intact

Estimated Age: Adult

Colour and Markings: White/Brown

Microchip Number: Not provided

1. Clinical Examination Findings:

- Body Condition Score: 4 (Acceptable, but tending toward underweight)
- Weight: 28 kg
- Behaviour: Good
- External Parasites: None observed
- Dental Health: No abnormalities detected
- Nails: No abnormalities detected
- Other Findings:
 - Skin: Patchy alopecia over dorsal head, ventral neck, and caudal medial aspects of hindlimbs
 - Dermatitis: Superficial dermatitis on dorsal head, ventral neck, and left stifle
 - Periaural crusting and bilateral otitis externa

2. Veterinary Opinion:

- Medical Concerns: As above
- Cause and Nature of Conditions: Unclear if underlying allergic dermatitis; otitis externa and associated superficial dermatitis noted
- Duration of Suffering: Undetermined; if allergic in origin, the condition is likely ongoing and difficult to manage
- Prognosis: Fair to good, depending on treatment response and owner compliance
- Recommended Course of Action:
 - Skin scrape to rule out mites (results within normal limits)
 - Ear smear (Right ear: rods and cocci ++; Left ear: yeast and mixed bacteria ++)
 - Initiate prednisone drug trial
 - Topical treatments for otitis externa (mixed infection)
 - Continued monitoring and long-term treatment likely required

3. Conclusion

The condition is likely chronic, with the current presentation representing a flare-up of superficial dermatitis.

General Remarks:

Both animals are experiencing dermatological and ear-related conditions that require consistent veterinary oversight and adherence to treatment. Their overall prognosis is positive if the recommended medical protocols are followed by the owner.

Regards

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