

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 BVSc degree and have been practising for 6 months as of the date of this report. I am currently employed by the Department of Agriculture.

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 20 June 2025, I conducted a clinical veterinary examination on a canine patient admitted to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA under Admission Number A50082, and linked to Inspectorate Case Number INSP210461. The animal had been admitted to the SPCA on 07 February 2025 after being seized in terms of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962. The attending Inspector responsible for the case was Inspector Ayande Ngcofe.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

Admission number: A50082
Species: Canine
Breed: Doberman
Sex and reproductive status: Male (intact)
Estimated Age: Adult
Colour and markings: Black and tan
Name (if known): Portos

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Body condition score: 2/9 – Very underweight
Weight: 29.9 kg
Behaviour: Bright, alert and responsive
Presence of parasites: None observed
Dentals: Mild attrition of canines
Nails: No abnormalities detected
Other: Approximately 1cm x 1cm pink fleshy gingival mass at base of left mandibular canine

4.

PROFESSIONAL VETERINARY OPINION:

The medical concerns included the animal being underweight with a poor coat condition, as well as the presence of a small gingival mass. Portos had been previously diagnosed with acanthomatous ameloblastoma at the site of the current mass, and a portion had been excised for sampling purposes. Based on the site and characteristics of the growth, it is highly likely that this is a regrowth of the previously identified neoplasia.

Despite nutritional intervention, the dog failed to maintain or gain weight. The weight loss is suspected to be attributable to kennel stress, which is not uncommon in sensitive or anxious animals in a shelter environment.

The suffering experienced by Portos is chronic in nature due to the persistent weight loss and recurrence of the neoplastic mass, which may result in future pain and discomfort.

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

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:

The overall prognosis for Portos is poor. The recurrence of a previously diagnosed tumour, the potential need for extensive surgical intervention, and ongoing kennel stress contribute to a significant welfare concern. A full medical and behavioural work-up would be necessary to investigate the chronic weight loss; however, taking into account the nature of the tumour, its recurrence, the invasive treatment required, and the animal's psychological state, I recommend humane euthanasia.

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CONCLUSION:

Portos is not a suitable prospect for adoption due to the recurrence of a previously diagnosed neoplasia. This tumour is likely to continue growing and may cause repeated self-trauma, pain, and discomfort. The extent of the surgery required for potential curative treatment, coupled with his current psychological state, poses a significant welfare concern. To prevent further suffering and distress, I recommend that Portos be humanely euthanased.

7.

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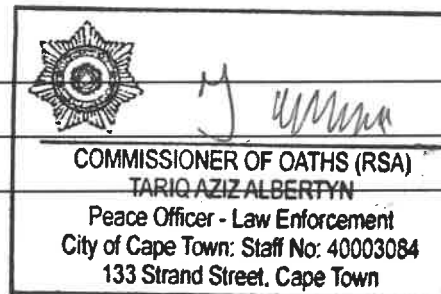
The deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at Grosby Park on this the 21st day of July 2025, the regulations contained in Government Notice No R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended, and Government Notice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

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Full names: _____

Designation: _____

Business address: _____



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