



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr. Faa'timah-Tuz-Zahraa Mayet**, 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 D25/19238. I hold a BVSc degree and have been practising for 2 years as of the date of this report. I am currently employed by the Cape of Good Hope SPCA.

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 10 July 2025, I conducted a full clinical examination of a female adult mixed-breed canine, black in colour with a white chest, which had been admitted to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA on 08 July 2025. The dog is not microchipped and was admitted under admission number **A61962**. The animal was brought in by Inspector Julian Van Der Zandt, in terms of SPCA cruelty investigation case number INSP217423. The physical address of the owner is recorded as 51 Woodswallow Road, Pelican Park.

4.

CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Sex and reproductive status:** Female, intact.
- **Estimated age:** Adult.
- **Body condition score:** 4/9 – acceptable, but leaning towards underweight.
- **Weight:** 19.3 kg.
- **Behaviour:** Fair.
- **External parasites:** None observed at the time of examination.
- **Dentition:** Good.
- **Nail condition:** Good.
- **Notable clinical finding:** The animal was non-weightbearing on the right hind limb (RHL).

Based on the abnormal gait and presentation, radiographs of the pelvis and hindlimbs were taken. Radiographic imaging revealed a dislocation of the right femoral head from the acetabulum, consistent with a chronic femur dislocation.

5.

MEDICAL OPINION AND INTERPRETATION:

- The dislocation appears to be chronic in nature, as the animal demonstrated no acute signs of pain during movement or palpation and had likely adapted to the deformity over time.

I, **Dr. Faa'timah-Tuz-Zahraa Mayet**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) were administered both prior to and after radiography, yet there was no marked improvement or deterioration in the animal's lameness. This suggests that the lameness is likely non-painful at present and due to the chronic physical misalignment, rather than acute inflammation or trauma.
- The prognosis is fair to guarded, dependent on the course of treatment chosen.
- The animal is otherwise clinically healthy and is currently caring for a litter of puppies that are too young to be weaned at this stage.

6.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A femoral head and neck excision (FHNE) surgery or hind limb amputation can be offered as a curative option to the owner. These procedures can prevent the development of severe osteoarthritis and potential chronic pain from bone-on-bone contact in the hip joint.
- Should the owner be unable or unwilling to proceed with surgical intervention, euthanasia may be considered as an alternative option, but only after the puppies have been weaned, to prevent prolonged suffering due to complications that may arise from the untreated condition.
- In conclusion, although the dog is not currently in overt pain, the dislocated femur poses a long-term welfare concern. Without surgical correction, the animal is at significant risk of developing painful osteoarthritis, which would negatively impact her quality of life.

7.

I compile this report in support of an investigation into alleged animal cruelty and confirm that the animal was suffering from a condition that, if left untreated, could cause ongoing or future suffering. In my professional opinion, the condition was not acute but had been present for a prolonged period, and reasonable steps were not taken by the owner to obtain veterinary treatment for the animal.

8.

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.

Faa'timah-Tuz-Zahraa Mayet

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 30 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: _____

