



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 7 July 2025, I conducted a clinical examination on an equine that was admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal was seized from a property located in Philippi by SPCA Inspector Jeffrey Mfini under SPCA case number INSP218361.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

Species: Equine

Breed: Pony

Sex and Reproductive Status: Male (intact)

Estimated Age: Adult

Colour and Markings: Dark Bay

Admission Number: A52520

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon examination, the following findings were recorded:

Body Condition Score: 2 out of 5 (Very underweight)

Behaviour: Generally fair, though the animal exhibits signs of fear when approached near the facial region.

Presence of External Parasites: None detected

Dentition: In good condition

Hooves: Good condition with signs of recent farrier work

Additional Clinical Findings: Presence of pressure sores extending from the withers caudally and a sore over the right lateral thoracic region.

4.

DIAGNOSIS AND CAUSATION:

In my professional opinion, the animal is suffering from malnutrition and pressure sores consistent with the prolonged use of poor-fitting tack and inadequate horsemanship. The

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nature and extent of these conditions are chronic, indicating that the animal has suffered over a long period. These conditions are not recent or incidental, but sustained and untreated.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The prognosis is poor to guarded, dependent on the animal's response to medical and nutritional intervention. I strongly recommend the following:

- The pony must be permanently removed from the current owner's possession
- The pony must be provided with ad libitum access to appropriate food, including lucerne
- Pain management must be initiated and maintained
- The animal must not be subjected to any work or load-bearing activity until such time as its wounds have healed and its body condition has normalised

6.

Based on the examination and findings, I am of the professional opinion that returning the animal to the current owner would result in continued neglect and unjustifiable suffering. The pony was subjected to unnecessary suffering and abuse.

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.



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 G-assy Park on this the 30 day of July 2022, 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: _____

