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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On Monday 17th March 2025 at approximately 11h00 Inspector Mark Syce presented me with a young, emaciated mare who had been confiscated the previous day.

Animal Details:

SPCA admission number: A58930

Species: Equine Breed: Hackney Sex: Mare Colour: Bay

Age: 5 years Name: None

Clinical Examination:

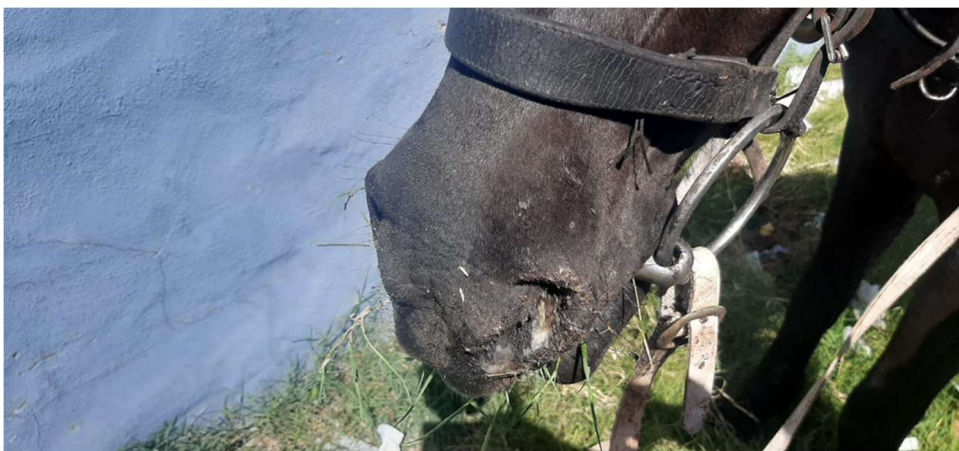
The mare was hungry when she was presented to me, she was eating her teff nett greedily. She was clinically healthy. Temperature 37.2, pulse 40 and respiration 16. Her colour was normal. She was able to eat and chew well. She had a body score of 3, with good covering. Please see images below.



Ill fitting equipment above has caused open lesions on the top of the dorsal spinous processes on the withers. The image below shows the open, ulcerated lesions.



The horse was clinically ill, with a marked, mucopurulent nasal discharge more obvious in the left nostril.



Bilateral, open, ulcerated lesions on the medial aspects of the fetlocks were bleeding at the time of confiscation, due to interference from the opposing limb during pulling the cart. The wounds were painful to touch and would be extremely painful for this mare.





This mare weighed 320kg and the weight she was required to pull was 880kg. When we attempted to move her at all, she was extremely reluctant. Her back was stiff and painful and her gluteal muscles were also stiff and painful.

No animal should have to suffer these painful and inhumane working conditions, she has suffered unduly and should not be neglected any further.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Kate Meiring'.

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