



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.

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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.

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This affidavit is prepared in relation to an investigation conducted under SPCA Case Number: INSP220086, by Inspector Lee Prins of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. On 22 August 2025, a female adult Jack Russell Terrier was seized from the premises at 3 Verbena Street in Kuils River, in the care of a person identified as Chesnay Ceders, and admitted into the SPCA Animal Hospital for assessment and care. I conducted a full clinical examination of the dog upon admission.

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ANIMAL INFORMATION:

- **Admission Number:** A57990
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Jack Russell Terrier
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** White and tan
- **Date of Examination:** 22 August 2025
- **Weight:** 5.38 kg
- **Name (if known):** Not provided

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CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

On physical examination, I observed the following:

5.1. General Condition

- **Body Condition Score:** 2/9 – Very underweight, with visible loss of muscle mass and fat stores.
- **Behaviour:** Depressed, minimally responsive, lethargic.

5.2. Parasites and Grooming

- **No external parasites** were noted at the time of examination.
- **Nails:** Overgrown, suggesting poor maintenance and prolonged lack of grooming.

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5.3. Dental Health

- Poor dentition with accumulation of plaque and tartar, indicative of chronic dental neglect.

5.4. Mammary Region

- A large ulcerated mammary mass was observed. The mass was multinodular, abscessated, and exhibited signs of secondary infection, including:
 - Skin breakdown,
 - Purulent discharge, and
 - Foul odour.

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VETERINARY OPINION:

The animal was presented in a clinically poor state, suffering from:

- Ulcerated and infected mammary neoplasia, and
- A very low body condition score, either due to:
 - Inadequate nutritional intake, or
 - A systemic illness, most likely metastatic cancer.

The mammary tumours were advanced and showed signs of chronic progression with necrosis and infection, strongly suggesting that no veterinary treatment had been sought or provided.

The overgrown nails, poor dentition, and emaciated body condition collectively indicate long-term neglect.

The duration of suffering is best classified as chronic, having developed and worsened over several weeks to months.

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CONCLUSION:

The dog presented in a depressed and emaciated condition, with large, ulcerated mammary tumours that had become infected and abscessed.

Given the combination of the advanced and ulcerated mammary cancer, severe body condition score, evidence of systemic infection, and the depressed state of the animal, the prognosis was grave, with low to no prospect of recovery or quality of life.

On humane grounds, and in the best interests of the animal's welfare, the decision was taken to humanely euthanase the dog to prevent further suffering.

The evidence strongly indicates that no medical attention was ever sought, despite the obvious and visible condition of the animal. The dog's nutritional needs were not met, and she suffered from multiple preventable and treatable medical conditions over a prolonged period.

In my professional opinion, this dog suffered unnecessarily due to the inaction and neglect of her caregiver. The condition could have been prevented or managed if veterinary care had been sought at the early stages of mammary tumour development.

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I know and understand the content of this declaration.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

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

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 Cape Town on this the 26th day of October 2024, 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.



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