



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr Chizelle de Wet**, 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 D25/18777. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree. I am currently employed by the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. I am competent to provide veterinary services and experienced in identifying clinical signs of neglect and cruelty in animals.

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 6 September 2025, a female pitbull-type dog named Meisie from the premises 46 Gabba Village was admitted into the care of the SPCA. The matter relates to SPCA Case Number: INSP220655, attended to by Inspector Lwazi Ntungele of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. I conducted a full veterinary examination of the dog.

4.

ANIMAL INFORMATION:

- Admission Number: A70231
- Species: Canine
- Breed: Pitbull
- Sex and Reproductive Status: Female, intact
- Estimated Age: Adult
- Colour and Markings: White and tan
- Name (if known): Meisie
- Weight: 18 kg

5.

CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

On clinical examination, I noted the following:

- Body Condition Score (BCS): 4/9 – Acceptable but tending toward underweight.
- Behaviour: Friendly and cooperative despite condition.
- External Parasites: Flea infestation present, contributing to visible dermatological discomfort.
- Skin and Coat: Evidence of flea bite allergic dermatitis with chronic skin inflammation, primarily along the dorsum and ventral abdomen.
- Multiple cutaneous ulcerations noted around the ears and ventral abdomen, most consistent with squamous cell carcinoma, especially considering their distribution on unpigmented areas of skin and chronic sun exposure.
- Major Injury: A large gunshot wound located on the left shoulder, with:

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- A deep wound pocket tracking from the lateral acromion to the medial elbow,
- Associated tissue necrosis and ongoing infection, and
- Presence of granulation tissue, indicating delayed or absent initial care.
- The wound is communicating, meaning it tracks beneath the skin in multiple directions, complicating healing.

6.

VETERINARY OPINION:

The gunshot wound, upon examination, was consistent with a rubber bullet injury (based on shape and pattern), resulting in a deep-tissue pocket and severe skin and subcutaneous tissue damage.

The flea infestation and secondary flea bite allergy reflect a lack of preventative parasite control, a basic standard of animal care.

The cutaneous ulcerations consistent with squamous cell carcinoma likely resulted from chronic exposure to UV radiation, especially given the lack of pigmentation in the affected areas. This condition was likely exacerbated by an already compromised skin barrier due to ongoing parasite-induced irritation.

The duration of suffering is classified as follows:

- The gunshot wound was relatively recent but was not treated, resulting in progressive tissue damage and infection.
- The chronic skin disease and signs of carcinoma indicate prolonged neglect over weeks to months.

7.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The prognosis is:

- Poor with respect to the gunshot wound due to extent of necrosis and delayed intervention.
- Poor for skin cancer, which is painful, progressive, and unlikely to be resolved without extensive surgical intervention.
- Moderate with respect to flea bite allergy, which can improve with routine parasite control, but in this case had already led to secondary complications.

As of the date of this report, the animal has been provided with:

- Wound treatment,
- Pain control,
- Antibiotic therapy, and
- Bravecto to address the flea infestation.

However, due to the severity of the injuries, chronic skin disease, pain, and poor long-term prognosis, humane euthanasia is recommended to prevent further unnecessary suffering.

8.

CONCLUSION:

Although Meisie presented as friendly and trusting, she was found to be in a condition of significant, multifactorial suffering.

I, **Dr Chizelle de Wet**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

The animal was not provided with veterinary care after sustaining a gunshot wound, was not protected from external parasites, leading to chronic dermatological disease, and developed secondary squamous cell carcinoma likely due to long-term exposure and lack of medical attention.

9.

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 _____ on this the _____ day of _____ 20____, 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: _____