

Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr Anja Coulthard**, 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 CS25/18419. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree. I am currently employed as a locum veterinarian 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.

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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 pertains to SPCA case number INSP226403, investigated by Inspector Lee Prins, and concerns a kitten (feline) that was seized from the property situated at 25 Watussi Drive, Bayview, and admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA on 09 January 2026.

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PATIENT INFORMATION:

- **Admission number:** A89725
- **Species:** Feline
- **Breed:** Domestic Short Hair (DSH)
- **Sex and reproductive status:** Male, intact.
- **Estimated age:** Approximately 3 months (kitten)
- **Colour and markings:** Ginger and white.
- **Microchip:** None detected
- **Name (if known):** Brownie

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CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

The dog was examined under clinical conditions on 12 January 2026. The following findings were recorded:

- **Body condition score:** 5/9 (Acceptable)
- **Weight:** 0.8 kg.
- **Behaviour:** Bright and responsive
- **Coat condition:** No abnormalities detected.
- **External parasites:** None observed.
- **Dentition and nails:** Within normal limits
- **Other clinical findings:**
 - On orthopaedic examination, the kitten was lame on the left hind limb. Palpation of the left femoral region was abnormal and elicited pain, raising suspicion of a fracture. Diagnostic radiographs were subsequently performed.
 - Radiographic examination revealed a complete, closed, oblique diaphyseal fracture of the proximal left femur, with displacement in a dorsocaudoproximal direction.

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I, **Dr Anja Coulthard**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

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VETERINARY OPINION:

In my veterinary opinion, the kitten sustained a complete oblique femoral diaphyseal fracture of the left hind limb. The exact cause of the injury cannot be determined; however, the nature of the fracture is consistent with a traumatic injury. The duration of suffering is assessed as subacute, indicating that the animal experienced pain and impaired mobility for a period prior to receiving veterinary intervention.

The prognosis for this injury is considered fair, provided appropriate surgical intervention is undertaken. The recommended course of action is referral for surgical stabilisation of the fracture. Should surgical treatment not be feasible, humane euthanasia would, in my professional opinion, be warranted in order to prevent ongoing pain and unnecessary suffering.

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CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, this kitten suffered a significant femoral fracture that would have caused considerable pain, distress, and impaired mobility. This injury required prompt and appropriate veterinary attention to alleviate suffering and to provide the animal with a reasonable chance of recovery.

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I know and understand the content of this declaration.

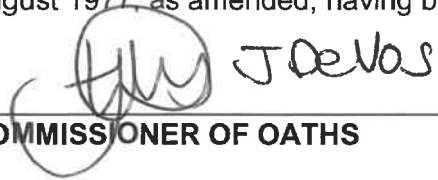
I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

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 GRASSY PARK on this the 14 day of JAN 2026, 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

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