



AFFIDAVIT – VETERINARY REPORT

I, **Dr. George Birch**, hereby make oath and declare in English as follows:

1.

I am an adult male veterinarian registered with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) under registration number D06/5077. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree (BVSc), with 16 years of experience. 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 06 January 2026, I conducted a clinical examination on a dog that was admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal was seized from a property located at 41A 11th Avenue, Pelican Park by Inspectors Rowan David's and Yaaseen Abrahams under case number INSP226014.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A78985
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Pitbull
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult, approximately 1.5 to 2 years old.
- **Colour and Markings:** White and Tan
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Pablo

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 4/9 (Acceptable but leaning towards underweight)
- **Weight:** 22.8 kg
- **Behaviour:** Friendly
- **Coat Condition:** Multiple healed scars present over the body.
- **External Parasites:** None observed
- **Dentition and Nails:** Dentition and Nails within normal limits.
- **Eyes:** Within normal limits
- **Other Clinical Findings:**


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I, **Dr. George Birch**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

- o Additional clinical findings included an infected puncture wound and short lacerations on the left lateral aspect of the neck, as well as multiple healed scars on the face, muzzle, lateral neck, lateral thighs and medial hind limbs.

4.

VETERINARY OPINION:

Based on the clinical examination findings, the nature, distribution and characteristics of the wounds observed are consistent with bite wounds inflicted by another dog or dogs. Puncture wounds and short lacerations, particularly on the lateral neck, are typical of canine bite injuries and carry a high risk of infection.

The presence of multiple healed scars across various regions of the body indicates that this animal has sustained repeated traumatic injuries over an extended period of time. These scars are not consistent with accidental injury and are strongly suggestive of previous bite wounds and dog fighting.

The infected puncture wound observed on the left lateral neck appeared fresh, indicating that the injury occurred recently. As a result, the animal would have experienced pain, discomfort and unnecessary suffering prior to being seized and placed into SPCA's care.

The suspected cause of the injuries is bite wounds, which raises serious concern regarding the conditions under which the animal was kept and managed prior to seizure.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The prognosis for this animal is viewed as excellent, provided that appropriate veterinary treatment and ongoing care are administered.

It is recommended that the animal be sedated to allow for thorough treatment of the wounds.

The hair surrounding the affected areas should be clipped, and the wounds should be properly cleaned, flushed and disinfected. Appropriate antibiotic therapy and pain management should be administered to address the infection and to promote healing.

Ongoing monitoring of the wounds is recommended to ensure satisfactory recovery and to prevent further complications.

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CONCLUSION

The repeated nature of the injuries sustained by this animal indicates prolonged exposure to conditions that placed the animal at risk of harm. Recurrent bite wounds are indicative of poor management, inadequate supervision or deliberate exposure to aggressive interactions, all of which compromise animal welfare.

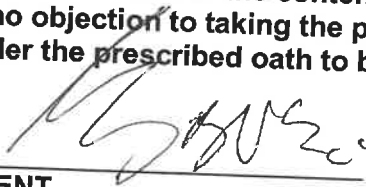
In conclusion, there is a significant concern that this animal has been involved in multiple physical altercations, as evidenced by the numerous healed scars and the presence of a fresh infected bite wound. Whether these injuries resulted from organised dog fighting or from uncontrolled interactions with other dogs, the environment in which this animal was previously kept was unsuitable and detrimental to its welfare.

It is my professional opinion that the animal was exposed to conditions that resulted in pain, injury and unnecessary suffering. It is therefore advised that the animal be placed in a safe and controlled environment and considered for rehoming, where its welfare, safety and wellbeing can be adequately ensured.

I, **Dr. George Birch**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

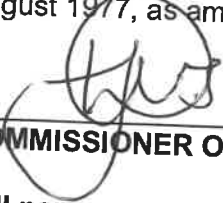
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I know and understand the content of this declaration.
I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.
I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.



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 15 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

Full names: _____



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Designation: _____

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