



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr. Leon Hector**, 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 CS25/19195. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree (BVSc), with 1 year 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 08 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 on the 03 January 2026 from inside a locked motor vehicle located at 15 Vesperdene Road by Inspector Ayanda Ngcofe under case number INSP226083.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A89525
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Weimaraner
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Grey ghost
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 4/9 (Acceptable but leaning towards underweight)
- **Weight:** 29.1 kg
- **Behaviour:** Bright, alert and responsive.
- **Coat Condition:** Overall coat is in good condition.
- **External Parasites:** None observed.
- **Dentition and Nails:** Dentition and Nails within normal limits; with minor plaque and tar present.
- **Eyes:** Within normal limits

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

No signs of heat stress, dehydration, respiratory distress or acute illness were observed at the time of examination.

VETERINARY OPINION:

4.

Based on the clinical examination findings, the dog was assessed to be in generally good health at the time of examination. However, confinement of a dog inside a locked motor vehicle poses a serious and well-documented risk to animal welfare.

Even under moderate ambient temperatures, the internal temperature of a vehicle can rise rapidly, placing an animal at risk of heat stress, hyperthermia, dehydration and potentially fatal outcomes. The absence of immediate clinical compromise does not negate the danger associated with leaving an animal unattended in a locked vehicle.

It is my professional opinion that the owner requires education regarding the risks and dangers of leaving a dog confined inside a motor vehicle, as such conduct has the potential to result in significant suffering or death.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

5.

The prognosis for this animal is excellent.

It is recommended that the owner be educated regarding responsible animal care, specifically with regard to the dangers of leaving an animal unattended in a locked vehicle. Ongoing monitoring of the animal's welfare is advised.

CONCLUSION

6.

In conclusion, while the animal was found to be in good clinical condition at the time of examination, the circumstances under which it was seized posed a serious risk to its health and wellbeing.

It is recommended that the animal be returned to its home, subject to a home inspection to assess compliance with animal welfare requirements and to ensure that similar incidents do not recur.

7.

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.

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



COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Full names: _____  **JUSTIN DE VOS** _____

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