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Collin Armand Martin ID number 8205065266087 states under oath in English. I make this statement in terms of section 212 (4) of Criminal Procedures Act 51 of 1977.

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I am a 43-year-old male working as a specialist veterinary pathologist for Idexx South Africa, where I have been employed since 2014.

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I qualified as a veterinarian in 2008 at Onderstepoort Faculty of Veterinary Science. I am currently registered as a specialist anatomical veterinary pathologist with the South African Veterinary Council and my registration number is S020/06090. I worked as a veterinarian from 2009 to 2014 as a small animal clinician at Blue Hills Veterinary Clinic in Kyalami. I left Blue Hills to pursue an anatomical pathology residency with Idexx at Onderstepoort in 2014 and was trained by Dr. Liza Du Plessis, Dr. Sarah Clift amongst others at the faculty. I qualified with an MMedVet (Pathology) in 2020. I am currently a senior specialist anatomic veterinary pathologist for Idexx South Africa.

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Due to unavailability of state post-mortem services, I was contacted the inspectorate at the SPCA Cape of Good Hope and asked I could assist with a post-mortem on a suspected cruelty case.

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I performed the post-mortem at TAH Ou Kaapse Vet on the morning of the 8th of December 2025 and made the following observations. The carcass was in bag labelled with admission number A89139.

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The carcass is that of an intact male, black and white crossbred dog in very poor body condition. The carcass was frozen and thawed and there is mild postmortal bloat.

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There is virtually no subcutaneous fat. The spine of the scapula is prominent and there is severe atrophy of all muscles. Ribs are prominent along with sacral bones

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(Please see figures 1-2).



Figure 1: Pale oral mucous membranes.

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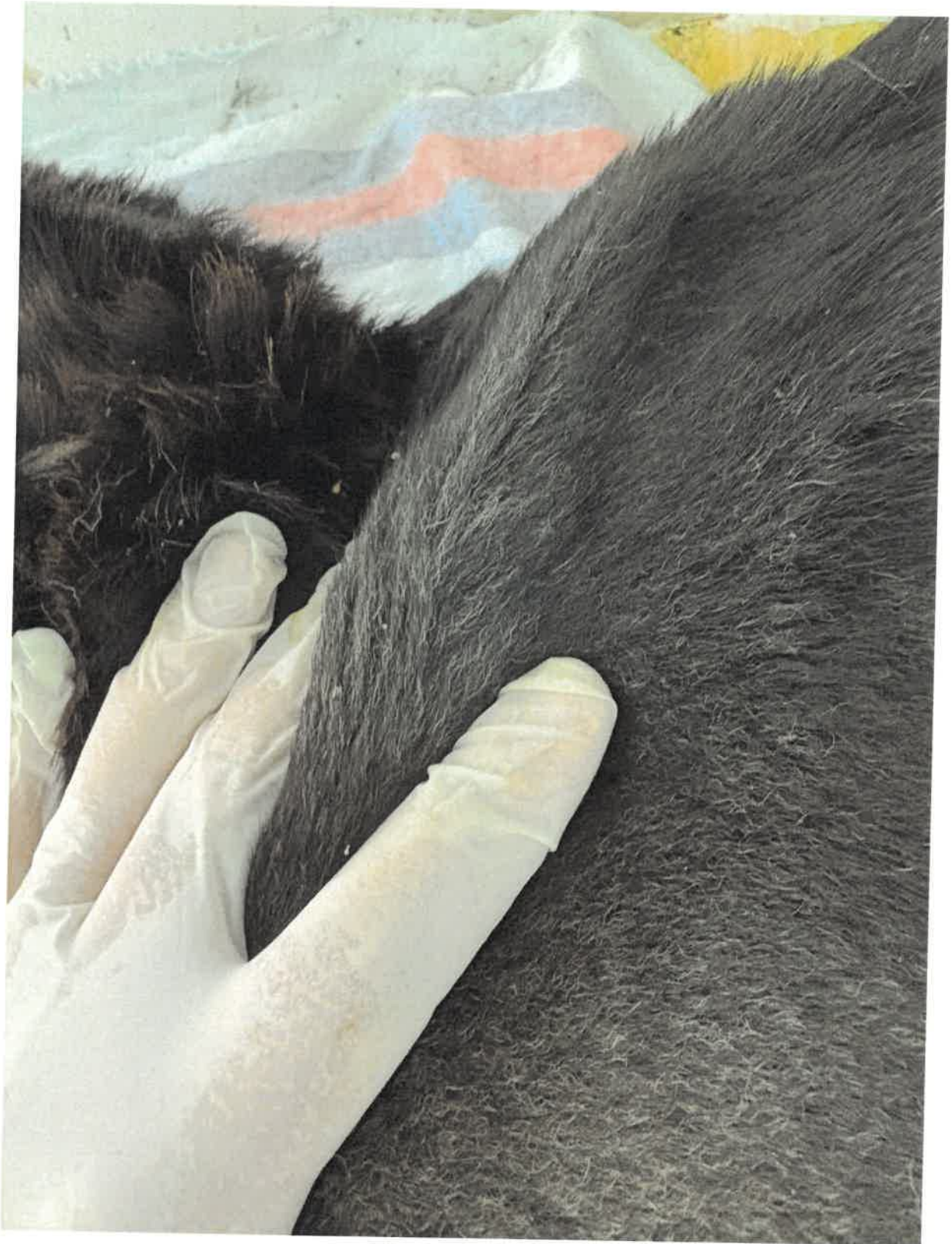


Figure 2: Severe muscular atrophy with exposure of spine of the scapula.

The sacral regions show deep seated ulcerations with the left side being worse affected (please see figure 3).



Figure 3: Deep skin ulceration on bony prominence of the pelvis.

The internal organs are severely autolysed and cannot be examined.

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My conclusion through my training, knowledge and experience was that this animal suffered via severe malnutrition. This resulted in a gradual loss of condition which eventually manifested as severe, generalised muscular as well as adipose tissue atrophy resulting in wasting and exposure of the bones (prominent spine of the scapula, ribs, spinous processes and pelvic bones etc). Additionally, there were deep seated ulcerations noted bilaterally on the pelvic regions. Given the locations of bony prominences, these lesions are likely due pressure (bed sores) secondary to severe weakness caused by poor condition. Unfortunately, the internal organs were severely autolysed and could not be examined for an underlying but regardless, the condition of the animal was severe and required some intervention. Correlation with case details will be required by this animal should have been attended to by a veterinarian to determine what was causing the loss of condition. The ulcerations on pelvic regions also necessitated veterinary intervention.

"All deaths are hateful to miserable mortals, but the most pitiable death of all is to starve." – Homer.

I know and understand the contents of this statement.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

I see the prescribed oath as binding on my conscience.

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DEPONENT

The deponent has acknowledged that he 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.

 J De Vos
COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

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