



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr. Bronwyn Thomen**, 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 D09/7588. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree (BVSc), with 15 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 13 January 2026, A German Shepherd dog was admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal was seized from a property situated at 2 Kilimanjaro Street, Tafelsig, by Inspector Jeffrey Mfini under case number INSP225381.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A89397
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** German Shepard
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Black and Tan
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

On 19 January 2026, I conducted a full clinical examination of the animal in question. The following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 2/9 (Very underweight)
- **Weight:** Not recorded
- **Behaviour:** Timid but manageable on examination
- **External Parasites:** Active tick and flea infestation present
- **Dentition and Nails:** Dentition within normal limits; front limb nails overgrown
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Other Clinical Findings:** No additional findings noted

4.

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

VETERINARY OPINION:

The female German Shepherd was also severely underweight, with a body condition score of 2/9. This level of emaciation is consistent with long-term insufficient feeding and general neglect. Although no visible wounds were identified, the dog's poor body condition and parasite burden indicate prolonged suffering and inadequate care. The duration of suffering is likewise assessed as chronic.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

With proper nutrition, parasite treatment, and general veterinary care, the prognosis for recovery is good. Behavioural assessment is recommended prior to rehoming. Adoption may be considered once the animal has reached an acceptable body condition and has been cleared behaviourally.

7.

CONCLUSION

Although no active wounds were identified, the dog's severely compromised body condition is indicative of prolonged neglect. Based on the poor physical state of the animal and the owner's history of non-compliance in providing adequate care, I do not consider it appropriate for this dog to be returned to the previous owner. Rehoming should only be considered once the animal has fully recovered.

8.

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: _____