



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 02 December 2025, I conducted a full clinical examination on a dog admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal had been seized from a property situated at 20 Ruth First Road, Fisantekraal, by Inspector Ayanda Ngcofe, under case number INSP223739.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A71177
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Cross-breed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Tan
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Tiger

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 3/9 (underweight)
- **Weight:** 28.3 kg
- **Behaviour:** Bright and responsive
- **External Parasites:** None observed
- **Dentition:** Presence of fractured teeth
- **Nails:** Nails within normal limits.

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Additional significant clinical findings included the following:

- Non-weight-bearing lameness of the left forelimb
- An old scar present at the mid-humerus region
- Severe muscle atrophy involving the scapular and humeral musculature
- Instability, crepitus, and pain noted on palpation of the elbow joint

4.

VETERINARY OPINION:

The animal was sedated, and diagnostic radiographs were performed. Radiographic findings revealed a severe, comminuted elbow fracture involving the humeral condyles, proximal radial head, and proximal ulna. The fracture appeared chronic in nature, with evidence of periosteal reaction consistent with long-standing injury. No bullet or metallic foreign body was visible on radiographs.

Based on the clinical and radiographic findings, it is my professional veterinary opinion that the animal was suffering from chronic and significant pain as a result of the untreated elbow fracture and the absence of adequate pain management.

The nature of the injury is consistent with high energy trauma, likely caused by a gunshot injury. The duration of suffering is assessed as chronic, indicating that the animal endured prolonged pain following the initial trauma.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The prognosis for limb salvage was deemed poor due to the severity and chronicity of the injury.

Limb amputation would have been the recommended treatment option should the animal have been considered suitable for rehoming. However, due to ethical and welfare considerations, the animal was humanely euthanised.

6.

CONCLUSION

Although it is difficult to determine the exact date on which the injury occurred, the extent of the damage and the chronic changes observed indicate that the animal experienced significant pain and suffering over an extended period of time.

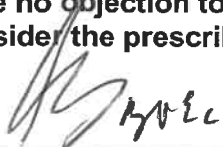
In my professional opinion, this case constitutes severe neglect and/or animal cruelty.

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.

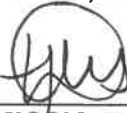


DEPONENT

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 9 day of FEB 2026, the regulations contained in Government

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

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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