



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:** A71178
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Cross-breed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Black
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Blacky

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 4/9 (Acceptable)
- **Weight:** 22.1 kg
- **Behaviour:** Bright and responsive
- **Additional significant clinical findings included the following:**
 - Diagnostic radiographs were performed. Radiographic findings revealed no visible abnormalities of the left forelimb.
 - Examination of the hips revealed minor hip dysplasia.
 - The left stifle showed changes consistent with mild patellar osteoarthritis.

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

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VETERINARY OPINION:

The hind limb radiographic findings appeared to be clinically insignificant.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The overall prognosis for this animal is good.

It is recommended that the animal undergo ongoing monitoring to assess progression and manage potential osteoarthritic changes. Conservative management, including weight control and appropriate analgesia as required, is advised.

6.

CONCLUSION

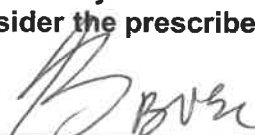
Due to the absence of significant radiographic abnormalities in the right forelimb and the mild nature of the degenerative changes observed elsewhere, it is difficult to conclusively determine the cause of the right forelimb lameness at this stage.

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 Notice No R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended, and Government Notice No R1648 of 19 August 1977, as amended, having been complied with.

 Justin De Vos

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Full names: _____

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