

VETERINARY MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

(For submission to the City of Cape Town – Animal Keeping By-law, 2021)

Patient:

- **Name:** Cosmo
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Dachshund
- **Sex:** Male
- **Age:** 2.5 years
- **Microchip Number:** 992003000389085

Owner Details:

- **Owner Name:** Sonja Greig
- **ID number:** 7305240129086
- **Contact Number:** 0836030218

Medical Diagnosis

I, Dr. CJH Joubert, a registered veterinarian and owner of Blouberg Vet, confirm that the above mentioned Dog is under my veterinary care. I have been the attending veterinarian for him since he was 8 weeks old.

Although the dog has not been diagnosed with Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD), Dachshunds are widely recognised as a high-risk breed for this condition. In addition to this breed predisposition, this patient has a hereditary history of IVDD, with both parents having previously experienced disc-related spinal issues.

This combination of breed-specific and genetic factors places the dog at a significantly elevated lifetime risk for developing IVDD.

In addition, post sterilisation weight gain is a well documented clinical trend, predisposing them to weight gain due to hormonal and metabolic changes. In Dachshunds, excess body weight significantly increases the stress on the spine, thereby elevating the risk of spinal strain and IVDD.

In my professional opinion, the potential medical risks associated with sterilisation outweigh the benefits for this particular patient at this time. I therefore do not recommend sterilisation based on the dog's breed and hereditary vulnerability to IVDD.

Professional Summary

- The dog has not been diagnosed with IVDD.
- The dog is, however, at high medical risk for developing IVDD due to breed predisposition and family history.
- Sterilisation may reduce the integrity of the spine for this dog.
- An exemption from mandatory sterilisation is medically justified.

I issue this certificate in support of the owner's application for a permit to keep an unsterilised animal under the City of Cape Town Animal Keeping By-law, 2021.

Signed:



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