



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 18 February 2026, I conducted a full clinical examination on a dog admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal was seized from a property situated at 130 Montreal Drive, Sherwood, by Inspector Siviwe Noko, under SPCA case number INSP227959. The animal is owned by Hughlene Moodie.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A90669
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Pitbull Type
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Brown and white
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Googles

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination on the 19 February 2026, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 4/9 (Acceptable but leaning towards underweight)
- **Weight:** 17.4 kg
- **Behaviour:** Bright and responsive
- **Presence of parasites:** None noted
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits, although a marked underbite was present. Nails were within normal limits.
- **Additional significant clinical findings included the following:**
 - Non-weight-bearing lameness of the right forelimb.

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- The right elbow was observed to be dropped, with severe generalised muscle atrophy of the right forelimb.
- Soft tissue wounds were present on the medial and lateral aspects of the carpus.
- Carpal ligaments were assessed and found to be stable.

Radiographic assessment revealed two areas of calcification medial to the right elbow. These changes were not consistent with osteoarthritis, and the underlying pathology remained unclear. The carpus appeared within normal limits radiographically.

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VETERINARY OPINION:

The soft tissue injuries observed are considered minor. However, there is significant concern regarding the severe muscle atrophy and dropped elbow of the right forelimb. Superficial pain was present, and the dorsum of the paw was intermittently contacting the ground during movement.

Trauma to the corpus is likely caused by a carpal wound. It is unclear if the same incident caused damage to the nerves of the elbow / brachial plexus.

The deterioration of the muscle atrophy is difficult to judge

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PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The overall prognosis for limb salvage is guarded due to the degree of muscle atrophy and the clinical appearance of the limb. It is recommended that a trial period of medical management be implemented. Should there be no significant improvement, limb amputation is considered the most likely required course of action.

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CONCLUSION

Neurological lesions of this nature are difficult to interpret clinically, as muscle atrophy in such cases can develop over a relatively short period of time.

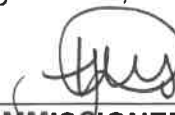
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I know and understand the content of this declaration.
I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.
I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.



DEPONENT

The deponent has acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at GRASSY PARK on this the 19 day of MARCH 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.



COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

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

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