



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

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

1.

I am an adult female 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 11 February 2026, a juvenile Domestic Short Hair (DSH) cat was admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal was seized from a property situated at 46 Umbrellabird Road, Pelikan Park, under SPCA case number INSP229304. The animal was seized by Inspector Rowan Davids.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A75449
- **Species:** Feline
- **Breed:** Domestic Short Hair
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Juvenile
- **Colour and Markings:** Black and White
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

On 16 February 2026, I conducted a full clinical examination of the animal in question. The following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 5/9 (very underweight)
- **Weight:** 1.54 kg
- **Behaviour:** Friendly and responsive
- **External Parasites:** Fleas present.
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Other Clinical Findings:**
 - Non-weightbearing on the right front limb

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

4.

VETERINARY OPINION:

Upon clinical examination and assessment, the animal was found to have sustained a fracture of the proximal ulna involving the elbow joint.

This type of fracture is considered severe and significantly compromises the structural integrity and function of the affected limb, resulting in marked pain, discomfort, and inability to bear weight.

In my professional opinion, the cause of this injury is consistent with trauma. The nature and location of the fracture are indicative of significant force being applied, which is not consistent with normal day-to-day activity for an animal of this age.

Such an injury would have caused immediate and considerable pain, and without appropriate veterinary intervention, would result in ongoing suffering and inflammation.

The duration of suffering is assessed as acute; however, due to the lack of treatment prior to admission, the animal would have continued to experience unnecessary pain and distress from the time of injury until intervention.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The prognosis for this animal is poor, particularly with regard to restoration of normal limb function.

The injury would require specialised orthopaedic surgical intervention to repair the fracture. Such procedures are complex, require advanced equipment and expertise, and are associated with significant financial cost.

Even with surgical intervention, there remains a guarded to poor prognosis for full functional recovery, especially considering the location of the fracture involving the joint.

Limb amputation remains the most viable and humane alternative treatment option, as animals are generally able to adapt well to three limbs and can maintain a good quality of life post-operatively.

Should neither surgical intervention nor amputation be feasible, humane euthanasia must be considered in order to prevent prolonged pain, suffering, and deterioration of the animal's welfare.

6.

CONCLUSION

Based on the clinical findings, the severity of the injury, and the absence of any evidence of appropriate veterinary care prior to admission, it is my professional opinion that the injury to the right front limb is consistent with non-accidental trauma.

The degree of force required to cause such a fracture, particularly in a juvenile animal, raises serious concerns regarding the circumstances under which the injury was sustained.

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.

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

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 CRASSY 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.



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