

POST MORTEM VETERINARY REPORT

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Collin Armand Martin**, hereby make oath in English and declare as follows:

1. I am Collin Armand Martin, Identity Number 8205065266087. I am a 43-year-old adult male employed as a specialist anatomical veterinary pathologist at Idexx South Africa, where I have been employed since 2014.
2. I qualified as a veterinarian in 2008 at the Onderstepoort Faculty of Veterinary Science. I practised as a small animal clinician at Blue Hills Veterinary Clinic in Kyalami from 2009 to 2014. In 2014, I commenced an anatomical pathology residency with Idexx at Onderstepoort, during which time I received specialist training under, inter alia, Dr Liza du Plessis and Dr Sarah Clift. I obtained a Master of Veterinary Medicine (MMedVet) in Pathology in 2020.
3. I obtained the degree Master of Veterinary Medicine (MMedVet) in Anatomical Pathology in 2020. I am currently registered with the South African Veterinary Council as a specialist anatomical veterinary pathologist under registration number S020/06090 and am employed as a senior specialist anatomic veterinary pathologist for Idexx South Africa.
4. I am currently employed as a senior specialist anatomic veterinary pathologist at Idexx South Africa and am experienced in conducting post-mortem examinations and determining causes of death in animals.
5. I make this affidavit in terms of section 212(4) of the Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977, the contents whereof fall within my personal knowledge and expertise and are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, both true and correct.
6. Due to the unavailability of state post-mortem services, I was contacted by the Inspectorate of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA and requested to assist with a post-mortem examination in a suspected animal cruelty matter.
7. I performed the post-mortem examination at the Ou Kaapse Veterinary Clinic on the morning of 02 February 2026. The carcass was presented to me in a sealed bag bearing admission number A61526.

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8. POST-MORTEM FINDINGS

7.1 The carcass was that of a young, approximately four- to six-week-old, black and white male kitten in fair body condition.

7.2 External examination revealed severe crush injury to the head with marked deformation, as well as haemorrhage within and surrounding the oral cavity.

7.3 Upon reflection of the skin, the skull was found to be irregularly fractured with associated periosteal haemorrhage. The brain within the calvarium was liquefied.

7.4 Further examination of the head revealed multiple mandibular fractures.

7.5 Examination of the thoracic cavity revealed multifocal, irregular, well-demarcated dark red areas within the lungs, consistent with aspiration of blood.

7.6 No additional injuries or pathological changes were observed in the remaining organs.

9. PROFESSIONAL OPINION

8.1 Based on my training, knowledge, and experience, I conclude that the kitten died as a result of severe blunt force trauma to the head.

8.2 The injuries observed are consistent with trauma that may be sustained in a motor vehicle accident, particularly if the animal was run over by a tyre.

8.3 Death would have been instantaneous. Although there is no evidence to suggest prolonged suffering, the manner of death remains cruel and unlawful, particularly if inflicted intentionally.

8.4 Correlation with the surrounding circumstances of the death will be essential in determining intent.

10. CONCLUSIONS

9.1 Based on my examination of the carcass and having regard to my training, qualifications, and experience, I am of the opinion that the kitten died as a direct result of severe blunt force trauma to the head.

9.2 The nature, extent, and severity of the injuries are not consistent with natural causes and indicate the application of significant external force. The injuries observed are compatible with the kitten having been subjected to a high-impact traumatic event. Death would have occurred immediately or within moments of the infliction of the injuries.

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11.SUPPORTING IMAGES



Figure 1: Skull deformation with oral and peri-oral haemorrhage

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Figure 2: Skull fracture with periosteal haemorrhage.

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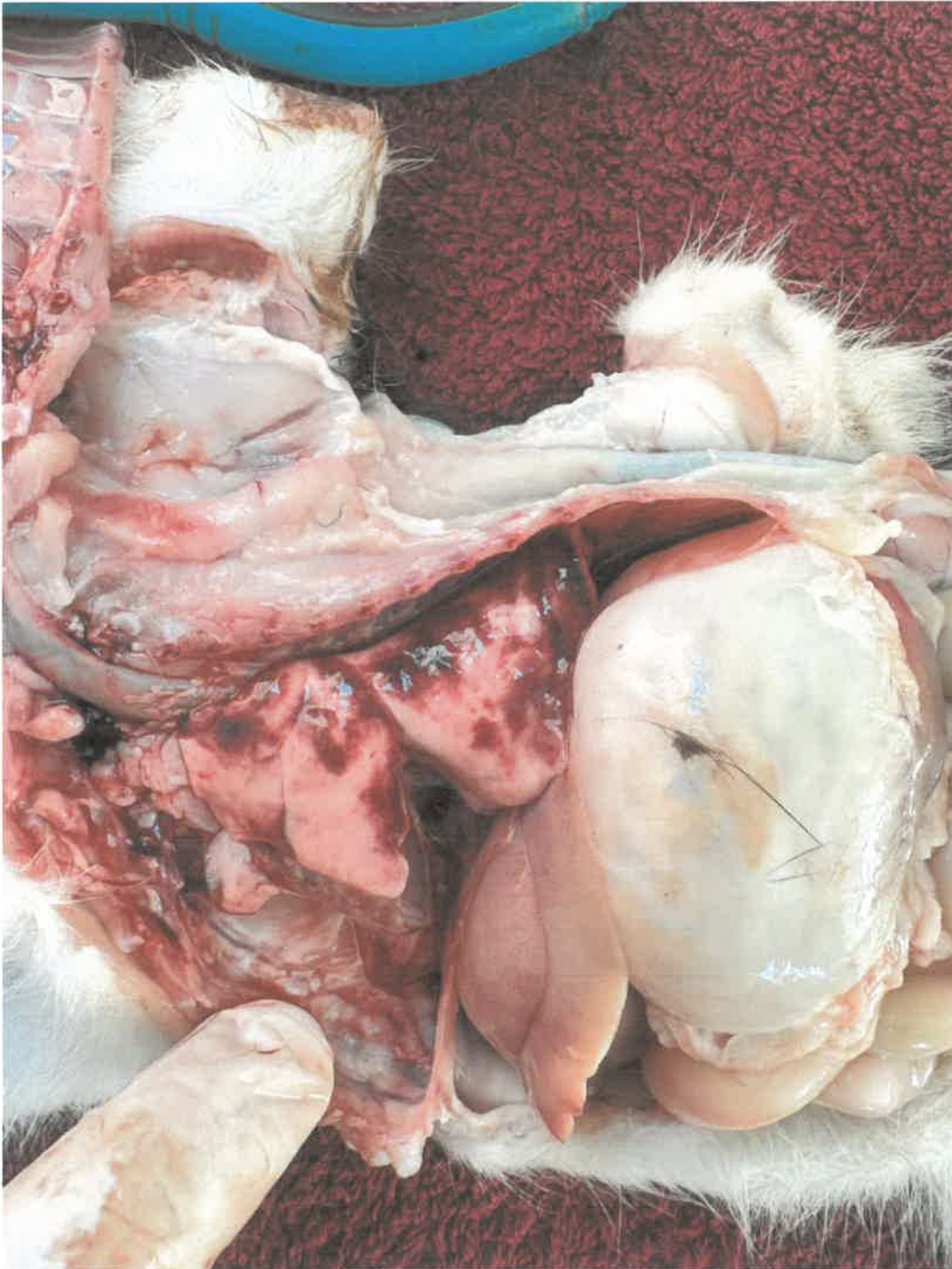


Figure 3: Blood aspiration visible in lungs.

- 12. I know and understand the contents of this statement.
I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.
I see the prescribed oath as binding on my conscience.**

I, **Collin Armand Martin**, hereby make further oath in English and declare as follows:

Collin Armand Martin

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 8 day of APRIL 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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