



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr. Leon Hector**, 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 CS25/19195. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree (BVSc). 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 27 March 2026, I conducted a clinical examination on a canine admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal had been brought in on 26 March 2026 from 1288 Nqanqahru Street, Witsand, by Inspector M.Y. Abrahams under case number INSP229466.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** G46992
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Crossbreed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, intact
- **Colour and Markings:** White, tan and Black
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Lephata

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 2/9 (severely underweight)
- **Weight:** 18.82 kg
- **Behaviour:** Depressed and lethargic
- **External Parasites:** None observed at the time of examination
- **Dentition and Nails:** Poor
- **Eyes:** Within normal limits
- **Additional clinically significant findings:**
 - A large, firm lesion was present on the ventral abdomen, adjacent to the prepuce. The mass was approximately the size of a tennis ball.
 - On abdominal palpation, the lesion appeared to extend into the abdominal cavity, indicating possible internal involvement.

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Required Medical Intervention:

- The following diagnostic and supportive interventions were indicated:
- Blood smear analysis
- Comprehensive blood testing (Chemistry panel)
- Intravenous fluid therapy (drip)
- Further diagnostic and supportive care as required

4.

VETERINARY OPINION:

The primary medical concern identified is a large abdominal mass with suspected internal extension.

In my professional opinion:

- The condition is severe and advanced in nature.
- The likely cause is prolonged neglect, given the extent and progression of the lesion without evidence of prior veterinary intervention.

The estimated duration of suffering is in the range of weeks to months prior to examination.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The prognosis for this animal is considered grave to poor.

Based on clinical examination, physical assessment, and the nature and extent of the condition, it is evident that:

- The disease process is significantly advanced.
- The likelihood of successful treatment or meaningful recovery is extremely low.
- Any attempt at treatment would likely prolong suffering without a reasonable expectation of improvement.

In light of these findings, it is recommended that humane euthanasia be considered as the most appropriate and compassionate course of action to prevent further suffering.

6.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, due to the severity, progression, and poor prognosis of the condition, it is recommended that the animal be humanely euthanized in order to prevent ongoing and unnecessary suffering.

7.

I know and understand the content of this declaration.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

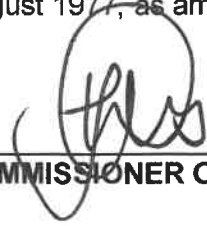
I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.


DEPONENT

Dr. Leon Hector (BVSc)

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

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 08 day of April 2020, 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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