



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 24 March 2026, a Pitbull-type dog was admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal was seized from a property situated at 125 Montclair Drive, Mandalay, under SPCA case number INSP226159. The animal was seized by Inspector Siviwe Noko.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A98510
- **Species:** *Canis lupus familiaris* (Domestic dog)
- **Breed:** Pitbull-type
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Juvenile
- **Colour and Markings:** Black and White
- **Name:** Trixie

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

On 26 February 2026, I conducted a full clinical examination of the animal in question. The following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 5/9 (acceptable)
- **Weight:** 17.84 kg
- **Behaviour:** Timid but friendly
- **External Parasites:** Flea infestation present
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Other Clinical Findings:**
 - Wounds present on the nasal bridge, accompanied by swelling
 - Slight depression noted over the left frontal sinus region

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4.

VETERINARY OPINION:

Upon clinical examination and radiographic assessment, it was confirmed that the animal sustained a fracture of the left medial aspect of the frontal sinus.

The cause of the injury is consistent with blunt force trauma, most likely sustained during a dog fight, as supported by the presence of overlying bite wounds to the facial region.

The duration of suffering is assessed as per-acute. Notwithstanding the acute nature of the injury, such trauma would have resulted in significant pain, distress, and discomfort at the time of infliction.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The prognosis for this animal is good, provided appropriate veterinary care is maintained.

The following treatment and management plan has been initiated and/or is recommended:

- Administration of antibiotics to prevent secondary infection
- Anti-inflammatory medication for pain and swelling management
- Deworming
- Tick and flea control
- Sterilisation

Subject to recovery and behavioural assessment, the animal may be considered suitable for rehoming.

6.

CONCLUSION

The injuries sustained by this animal are consistent with bite wounds and associated trauma, most likely resulting from a dog fight. Although healing has commenced, the injuries would have caused significant pain and suffering.

In my professional opinion, exposure to such circumstances places the animal at risk of further harm and suffering. Accordingly, the animal should not be returned to the owner unless adequate measures are implemented to prevent recurrence of such incidents, including ensuring the animal is not exposed to aggressive interactions or environments conducive to dog fighting.

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

The deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at GRASSY PARK on this the 09 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.

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

 J De Vos

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Full names: _____



JUSTIN DE VOS

Designation: _____

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