



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 10 March 2026, a total of sixteen (16) dogs, one (1) bird, one (1) rabbit, and one (1) pig were seized from a property situated at 6 Weltevreden Drive, Philippi, under SPCA case number INSP229182, and admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animals were seized by Inspector Jeffrey Mfini.

A veterinary report was requested in respect of seven (7) dogs and one (1) bird that presented with clinical concerns. The remaining animals did not present with notable veterinary abnormalities at the time of intake.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animals are as follows:

3.1.1 Animal 1:

- **Admission Number:** A100303
- **Species:** *Canis lupus familiaris* (Domestic dog)
- **Breed:** Crossbreed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Tan and White
- **Name:** Unknown

3.1.2 Animal 2:

- **Admission Number:** A100304
- **Species:** *Canis lupus familiaris* (Domestic dog)
- **Breed:** Crossbreed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, sterilized
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** White
- **Name:** Unknown

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3.1.3 Animal 3:

- **Admission Number:** A100305
- **Species:** *Canis lupus familiaris* (Domestic dog)
- **Breed:** Crossbreed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, Intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Black
- **Name:** Unknown

3.1.4 Animal 4:

- **Admission Number:** A100306
- **Species:** *Canis lupus familiaris* (Domestic dog)
- **Breed:** Crossbreed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, sterilized
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Tan
- **Name:** Unknown

3.1.5 Animal 5:

- **Admission Number:** A100308
- **Species:** *Canis lupus familiaris* (Domestic dog)
- **Breed:** Jack Russell Terrier
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, Intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** White and brown
- **Name:** Unknown

3.1.6 Animal 6:

- **Admission Number:** A100309
- **Species:** *Canis lupus familiaris* (Domestic dog)
- **Breed:** German Shepherd Dog
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, Intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Black and Tan
- **Name:** Buddy

3.1.7: Animal 7:

- **Admission Number:** A100311
- **Species:** *Canis lupus familiaris* (Domestic dog)
- **Breed:** Crossbreed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, Intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** White and brown
- **Name:** Unknown

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3.1.8: Animal 8:

- **Admission Number:** A100302
- **Species:** *Avian – Agapornis (Bird)*
- **Breed:** Lovebird
- **Colour and Markings:** Grey
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

On 10 April 2026, I conducted a full clinical examination of the animals. The following findings were recorded:

All seven (7) animals presented with active flea infestations, indicative of inadequate parasite control and substandard husbandry.

3.2.1 Animal 1:

- **Body Condition Score:** 3/9 (underweight)
- **Weight:** 21.5 kg
- **Behaviour:** Timid but friendly
- **External Parasites:** Flea infestation present
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Other Clinical Findings:**
 - Drooping mammary glands consistent with previous litters

3.2.2 Animal 2:

- **Body Condition Score:** 5/9 (acceptable)
- **Weight:** 17.82 kg
- **Behaviour:** Friendly
- **External Parasites:** Flea infestation present
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Other Clinical Findings:**
 - Depigmented right eyelid; sutures present at spay site consistent with a recent surgical procedure

3.2.3 Animal 3:

- **Body Condition Score:** 5/9 (acceptable)
- **Weight:** 33.54 kg
- **Behaviour:** Timid
- **External Parasites:** Flea infestation present
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Other Clinical Findings:**
 - Old wound above the right eye

3.2.4 Animal 4:

- **Body Condition Score:** 5/9 (acceptable)
- **Weight:** 21 kg
- **Behaviour:** Friendly
- **External Parasites:** Flea infestation present

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- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Other Clinical Findings:**
 - Wound behind the right ear (likely self-inflicted due to pruritus) and patchy alopecia consistent with flea allergy dermatitis

3.2.5 Animal 5:

- **Body Condition Score:** 5/9 (acceptable)
- **Weight:** 7.64 kg
- **Behaviour:** Friendly
- **External Parasites:** Flea infestation present
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Other Clinical Findings:**
 - Bilateral ocular discharge and mild cough

3.2.6: Animal 6:

- **Body Condition Score:** 3/9 (underweight)
- **Weight:** 30.2 kg
- **Behaviour:** Friendly
- **External Parasites:** Flea infestation present
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Other Clinical Findings:**
 - Dorsal lumbar mass, patchy alopecia, hunched posture and hindquarter ataxia

3.2.7 Animal 7:

- **Body Condition Score:** 5/9 (acceptable)
- **Weight:** 26.02 kg
- **Behaviour:** Friendly
- **External Parasites:** Flea infestation present
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Other Clinical Findings:**
 - Old healed wound in the left inguinal region

3.2.8 Animal 8:

- **Body Condition Score:** 1/9 (emaciated)
- **Behaviour:** Stressed
- **External Parasites:** None noted
- **Dentition:** Extremely overgrown beak
- **Nails:** No toes on both feet
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Beak:** Severely overgrown, impairing normal feeding and drinking
- **Other Clinical Findings:**
 - Open wound present on the ventral neck caused by the overgrown beak
 - Evidence of prolonged exposure to unhygienic conditions, including faecal contamination of limbs
 - Marked weakness and inability to perch or ambulate normally

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VETERINARY OPINION:

The presence of ectoparasite infestations in all examined dogs, together with untreated medical conditions, is indicative of a failure to provide adequate veterinary care and basic husbandry. These omissions would have resulted in avoidable and suffering.

Animal 1: The underweight condition is chronic in nature and indicative of prolonged inadequate nutrition.

Animal 2: Recent surgical intervention noted; no evidence of current suffering beyond parasite burden

Animal 3: Condition is mild and acute; no significant ongoing suffering observed.

Animal 4: Clinical signs are consistent with chronic flea allergy dermatitis, resulting in prolonged discomfort, pruritus and suffering.

Animal 5: Clinical presentation consistent with a chronic upper respiratory condition; suffering assessed as mild to moderate and ongoing.

Animal 6: Presents with multiple chronic conditions including suspected hip dysplasia, suspected degenerative spinal disease and a poor body condition. These conditions are age-related but would have caused ongoing pain, discomfort and reduced mobility.

Animal 7: Condition is chronic but mild; associated suffering likely limited.

Animal 8: This animal was maintained in severely unhygienic conditions and provided with an inappropriate and nutritionally inadequate diet. The severe overgrowth of the beak prevented normal feeding and drinking. The absence of toes and the inability to perch or ambulate normally further compromised welfare.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Animal 1: Prognosis good with appropriate nutrition, deworming, sterilisation and monthly parasite control.

Animal 2: Prognosis good. Continued parasite control and reduced sun exposure recommended due to risk of squamous cell carcinoma.

Animal 3: Prognosis good. No treatment required for healing wound. Routine parasite control and sterilisation recommended.

Animal 4: Prognosis good. Treated with Duplocillin and Inflacam. Ongoing monthly parasite control essential.

Animal 5: Prognosis good. Treated with Clamoxyl, Dexamethasone and ocular lubrication. Continued parasite control and sterilisation recommended.

Animal 6: Prognosis is fair. The animal requires ongoing pain management, nutritional support, and further diagnostics, including fine needle aspiration, radiography, and blood testing prior to consideration of surgical intervention. Long-term management will be required.

Animal 7: Prognosis good. Routine parasite control and castration recommended.

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Animal 8: The prognosis for this animal was grave. The bird was humanely euthanised in terms of Section 5 of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 in order to prevent further suffering.

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CONCLUSION

Upon clinical examination, it is evident that the animals were subjected to substandard living conditions and inadequate basic care.

The consistent presence of flea infestations across all examined dogs is indicative of a prolonged failure to implement routine parasite control measures. This alone constitutes neglect and would have resulted in ongoing discomfort, irritation, and suffering.

In respect of Animals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, the findings are indicative of neglect in the form of inadequate parasite control and, in certain cases, delayed or insufficient veterinary care, resulting in varying degrees of suffering.

In respect of Animal 6, the animal presents with significant chronic medical conditions requiring ongoing management. Any consideration of return to the owner should be strictly conditional upon full compliance with veterinary recommendations, failing which the animal's welfare and quality of life will remain compromised.

In respect of Animal 8, the clinical findings are consistent with severe and prolonged neglect. The animal was maintained in conditions that failed to meet even the most basic welfare standards, including hygiene, nutrition, and access to necessary care. The extent and duration of neglect resulted in significant and prolonged suffering.

Overall, while not all animals were in a severely compromised state, the cumulative findings demonstrate a clear pattern of inadequate husbandry, insufficient veterinary care, and a failure to meet the animals' basic welfare needs. As a result, the animals were subjected to varying degrees of avoidable 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

The deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at CIRASSY PARK on this the 20 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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