



AFFIDAVIT – VETERINARY REPORT

I, **Dr. George Birch**, hereby make oath and declare in English as follows:

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I am an adult male veterinarian registered with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) under registration number D06/5077. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree (BVSc), with 16 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.

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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.

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On 18 February 2026, I conducted a full clinical examination on a dog admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal had been surrendered from a property situated at 142 Assegaai Avenue, Bonteheuwel by Inspector Yaaseen Abrahams under case number INSP229592.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A56680
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Pitbull-type dog
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female (intact)
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Tan and White
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Sky

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 1/9 (severely emaciated).
- **Weight:** 9.3 kg
- **Behaviour:** Docile with a sweet demeanour
- **External Parasites:** Severe ectoparasite burden with extensive flea infestation and flea dirt present
- **Dentition:** Within normal limits
- **Nails:** Within normal limits

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Additional significant clinical findings included the following:

- Poor coat condition with patchy hair loss
- Marked purulent discharge from the left eye

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VETERINARY OPINION:

The primary medical concerns identified during the examination are as follows:

- Severe emaciation: The aetiology of the emaciation is likely multifactorial and cannot be definitively determined at this stage without further diagnostic investigation. Possible contributing factors include inadequate nutrition, underlying disease processes, parasitic burden, or chronic neglect.
- Severe ectoparasite infestation: The significant flea burden and presence of flea dirt are indicative of prolonged lack of adequate parasite control and poor husbandry.
- Dermatological condition: The poor coat quality and alopecia are most likely associated with compromised general health, malnutrition, and ongoing parasitic infestation.
- Ocular condition: The purulent discharge from the left eye is most likely secondary to systemic debilitation, possible dehydration, and associated enophthalmos (sunken globe), which may predispose to corneal exposure and irritation.

With regard to duration, emaciation of this severity develops over a prolonged period and is not an acute condition. It is indicative of chronic inadequate care or an untreated underlying condition.

While emaciation alone may not always result in immediate pain, it significantly compromises the animal's physiological function, immune response, and overall welfare. The concurrent skin condition and ocular discharge would have caused ongoing discomfort and negatively impacted the animal's quality of life.

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PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The prognosis for this animal was considered poor due to the severity of the weight loss.

In light of the severe weight loss and overall welfare compromise, the decision was made that humane euthanasia was in the best interest of the animal in order to prevent further unnecessary suffering.

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CONCLUSION

This animal was presented in an extremely compromised state, characterised by severe emaciation, significant ectoparasite infestation, and associated secondary conditions, all indicative of prolonged neglect and inadequate care.

The severity and chronic nature of these findings demonstrate that the animal's welfare had been significantly compromised over an extended period.

Due to the advanced nature of the animal's condition, and in order to prevent further suffering, the animal was humanely euthanised.

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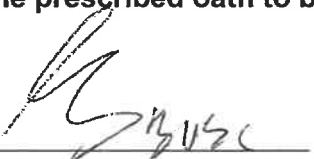
The clinical findings are consistent with neglect and support the conclusion that the animal suffered as a result of a failure to provide adequate care.

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 he knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at GRASSY 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.


COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Full names:



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