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03 June 2026

Patient name: Bruno

Breed: Boerboel

Gender: Male

DOB: 23 January 2026

Microchip number: 933071000229108

Owner: Dr S Odendaal

31 March 2026 – First consultation and puppy check. Tail docked prior to client's acquisition of the dog – it was advised that this is an illegal practice in South Africa since June 2008. Diagnosed using a Wood's Lamp with a localised patch of Dermatophytosis (ringworm) on the left gluteal region. He was also checked for diarrhoea and a bilateral conjunctivitis with discharge. He was placed on a month of Microcidal for the ringworm.

28 April 2026 – 13 week vaccination. He was given the Nobivac DHPPi vaccine and his first Nobivac Rabies vaccine. He was dosed with Nexgard and Milpro. Dermatophytosis lesion was looking better but still present and still positive on Wood's Lamp. The Microcidal course was extended for another month and the dose adjusted to his growth. He was also issued with a bottle of Exocin eye drops for twice daily use for 5 days for continued ocular discharge.

26 May 2026 – 18 week vaccination. Dermatophytosis lesion completely resolved and hair grown over. Microcidal treatment was stopped. Conjunctivitis and ocular discharge had resolved with continued use of eyedrops so it was advised to try lubricating eye drops instead of antibiotic eyedrops, his conjunctivae were still inflamed slightly. It was noted that he had only gained 1kg in 4 weeks, but he was otherwise healthy with a normal clinical exam. He was given another Nobivac DHPPi vaccine and his second Nobivac Rabies vaccine and given Nexgard to dose at home.

28 May 2026 – Patient presented with acute lethargy, weakness, tremours, diarrhoea and vomiting. His gums were pigmented so it was difficult to assess colour, and his eyes were still red, but the gums did seem paler than is normal. His abdomen appeared slightly distended and was painful on palpation. Temperature was normal. Blood tests were performed over concern of 8 week treatment period of Microcidal, but it was found to be his kidneys that were severely compromised, as well as severe anaemia. A blood smear showed no parasites, and an ISA test was negative indicating that there was no element of immune-mediated haemolysis. By the time the blood results were available, he had been given a Cerenia injection and some sub-cutaneous fluids. Patient was referred to Panorama Veterinary Clinic for abdominal radiographs, abdominal ultrasound, possible blood transfusion and further treatment.

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