



## **AFFIDAVIT VETERINARY REPORT**

I, **Dr. George Birch**, 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 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.

**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 03 June 2026, a pitbull-type dog was admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal had reportedly been seized from a property situated at 35 Bottle Brush Road, Protea Park, Cape Town, by Inspector Yaaseen Abrahams.

### **3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:**

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A101833
- **Species:** *Canis lupus familiaris* (Domestic dog)
- **Breed:** Pitbull-type
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Brown and White
- **Name:** Chase

### **3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:**

On 03 June 2026, I conducted a full clinical examination of the animal. The following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 3/9 (Underweight)
- **Weight:** 27.7 kg
- **Behaviour:** Friendly, alert and responsive throughout the examination.
- **External Parasites:** Moderate flea infestation present.
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits
- **Eyes:** No abnormalities detected
- **Other Clinical Findings:**

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

- Mild dermatitis with associated excoriations and superficial wounds affecting both ear pinnae, consistent with chronic scratching.

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#### **VETERINARY OPINION:**

Based on my clinical examination, the primary medical condition affecting this animal is flea allergic dermatitis, complicated by self-inflicted trauma to the ear pinnae as a result of persistent scratching.

The presence of a flea infestation, together with the animal's poor body condition score of 3/9, indicates that appropriate parasite control and adequate nutritional management had not been consistently provided. Flea allergic dermatitis is an intensely pruritic condition, causing persistent irritation, inflammation and discomfort. Continuous scratching results in further injury to the skin, perpetuating a painful cycle of inflammation and self-trauma.

The underweight body condition further suggests that the animal had not been receiving sufficient nutrition to maintain an ideal body condition.

In my professional opinion, these conditions developed over an extended period and are therefore chronic in nature rather than acute. The animal would have experienced prolonged discomfort, irritation and unnecessary suffering as a consequence of the untreated flea infestation, chronic itching, self-inflicted wounds and inadequate body condition.

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#### **PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The prognosis for this animal is considered excellent, provided that appropriate veterinary care and ongoing husbandry are maintained.

The recommended treatment and management include:

- Surgical neutering.
- Core vaccinations.
- Appropriate flea and parasite control.
- Provision of a balanced and nutritionally adequate diet.
- Monitoring and treatment of the dermatitis until complete resolution.
- Routine veterinary examinations and preventative healthcare.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

At the time of examination, Chase was underweight, infested with fleas and suffering from flea allergic dermatitis, which had resulted in chronic irritation and self-inflicted wounds to the ears. These findings are consistent with prolonged inadequate parasite control and insufficient nutritional management. In my professional opinion, these conditions caused the animal unnecessary and avoidable suffering over an extended period.

Despite his condition, Chase displayed a friendly, gentle and sociable temperament throughout the examination. His medical conditions are readily treatable and his prognosis is excellent with appropriate veterinary care, proper nutrition and responsible ongoing ownership.

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

Should owner education and rehabilitation with the owner not be considered appropriate or feasible, I believe this animal is an excellent candidate for rehoming. Chase is a sweet-natured dog who deserves the opportunity to recover fully and be placed in a responsible, caring home where his welfare needs can be consistently met.

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I know and understand the content of this declaration.

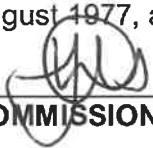
I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

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 15 day of JULY 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**

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