



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr. Natara Moodley**, 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 CS26/17195. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree (BVSc). 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 20 June 2026, a canine was admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal was reportedly seized from a property situated at 51 NY 95, Gugulethu, Cape Town. The seizure was conducted by Inspector Siviwe Noko under SPCA case number INSP233557.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A98578
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Mixed Breed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female, Intact
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Brown and black
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

I conducted a full clinical examination of the animal in question. The following findings were recorded:

General Condition:

- **Body Condition Score:** 1/9 (severely emaciated)
- **Weight:** 10.3 kg
- **Behaviour:** Timid and scared

Nails:

- Within normal limits

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Head and Oral Examination:

- Dentition within normal limits
- Eyes clear with no abnormalities detected

Skin and Coat:

- Severe generalized demodectic mange affecting large areas of the body
- Significant hair loss (alopecia)
- Thickened, inflamed, and irritated skin
- Secondary skin infection suspected due to the extent and severity of lesions
- Presence of fleas
- Poor overall coat condition

Musculoskeletal System:

- Ambulatory at the time of examination
- Generalised muscle wasting consistent with prolonged malnutrition

Parasite Burden:

- Severe demodectic mange
- Flea infestation

The primary clinical findings were severe generalized demodectic mange and profound emaciation.

4.

VETERINARY OPINION:

Based on the history provided, the clinical examination findings, and my professional veterinary experience, I conclude that this animal was suffering from severe generalized demodectic mange and chronic emaciation.

The extent of the skin disease observed would have caused persistent irritation, inflammation, discomfort, and itching. Demodectic mange of this severity is a progressive condition that develops over a prolonged period and requires veterinary intervention to prevent deterioration.

The animal's body condition score of 1/9 indicates extreme loss of body fat and muscle mass and is consistent with prolonged inadequate nutrition. The degree of emaciation observed would have significantly compromised the animal's overall health, immune function, and quality of life.

In my professional opinion, the condition was most likely caused and exacerbated by:

- Failure to provide adequate nutrition and access to clean drinking water
- Failure to obtain veterinary treatment for a progressive skin disease
- Failure to implement appropriate parasite control measures
- Failure to provide basic grooming and general husbandry care

The condition is chronic in nature and would have developed over a period of several weeks to months.

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PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Prognosis:

- Fair to poor

Recommendation:

Due to the severity of the generalized demodectic mange, the substantial biosecurity risk posed to other animals housed within the SPCA environment, the extensive resources required for long-term treatment and isolation, and the animal's severely compromised physical condition, humane euthanasia was recommended and performed in the interests of animal welfare.

7.

CONCLUSION

Upon examination, the canine was found to be suffering from severe generalized demodectic mange, flea infestation, and profound emaciation. The condition was chronic in nature and indicative of prolonged neglect and inadequate husbandry.

The animal had endured significant and unnecessary suffering for an extended period. The severe skin disease would have caused ongoing pain, irritation, inflammation, and discomfort, while the extreme loss of body condition demonstrates a prolonged failure to provide adequate nutrition and care.

In my professional veterinary opinion, the animal's condition was preventable and treatable had appropriate veterinary attention and basic husbandry been provided at an earlier stage. The severity and chronicity of the findings are consistent with a prolonged failure to meet the animal's basic welfare needs.

The suffering experienced by this animal was substantial, ongoing, and avoidable. Humane euthanasia was considered the most appropriate welfare outcome given the animal's condition and the associated biosecurity risks.

8.

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

Dr. Natara Moodley (BVSc)

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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 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.