

Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr Naomi Wolfaardt**, 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 D24/16180. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree and am currently employed by the Domestic Animal Rescue Group (DARG) Community Clinic. I am contactable on 021 791 0137. I am duly qualified and competent to render veterinary services and have experience in the examination, diagnosis, treatment and assessment of animals suffering from injury, neglect and cruelty.

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.

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This affidavit pertains to a canine presented for veterinary treatment by its owner, Mr Ronald Knowles, on 19 June 2026. The owner reported that the animal had been stabbed in the head by known suspects.

4.

PATIENT INFORMATION:

- **Admission number:** Consult #7332
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Mixed Breed
- **Sex and reproductive status:** Male, Sterilized
- **Estimated age:** Approximately 3 years (adult)
- **Colour and markings:** Brown.
- **Microchip:** None detected
- **Name (if known):** Continue

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CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

The patient was examined under clinical conditions on 19 June 2026. The following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 4/9 (Acceptable)
- **Weight:** 20 kg
- **Behaviour:** Bright, alert and responsive (BAR)
- **Coat condition:** Within normal limits
- **Presence of External Parasites:** None noted
- **Dentition and Nails:** Within normal limits

Additional clinically significant findings:

- A single clean laceration measuring approximately 3–4 cm in length located on the head.
- The wound was superficial, involving only the skin.
- The underlying musculature, skull and deeper tissues were unaffected.
- No significant haemorrhage was observed.
- There was no evidence of wound contamination.
- No neurological abnormalities were detected during the examination.

I, **Dr Naomi Wolfaardt**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

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VETERINARY OPINION:

Based on my clinical examination and professional assessment, it is my opinion that the patient sustained a sharp force injury consistent with a stab wound to the head. The injury was superficial in nature and was confined to the skin, with no involvement of the underlying musculature, deeper soft tissues, cranial structures or neurological system.

Although the injury did not result in life-threatening trauma, it would have caused the animal acute pain and discomfort at the time it was inflicted. Prompt veterinary intervention was required to clean, close and manage the wound in order to minimise the risk of infection and promote appropriate healing.

The clinical findings are consistent with the history provided by the owner that the animal had been stabbed.

Treatment administered included:

- The wound was clipped, flushed, cleaned and aseptically prepared.
- The wound edges were surgically debrided.
- The skin margins were opposed and sutured using a simple interrupted suture pattern.

Post-operative progress:

- A mild seroma developed at the surgical site during the healing process.
- The seroma was considered minor, expected and not clinically significant.

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PROGNOSIS AND RECCOMENDATIONS:

Prognosis

The prognosis for this patient is considered excellent. With appropriate post-operative care, the wound is expected to heal uneventfully without long-term complications.

Recommendations

- Keep the wound clean and dry.
- Monitor the surgical site daily for excessive swelling, discharge, pain or wound dehiscence.
- Prevent self-trauma by using an Elizabethan collar if required.
- Return for suture removal approximately 14 days after surgery.
- Seek immediate veterinary attention should any signs of infection or delayed wound healing develop.

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CONCLUSION:

In my professional opinion, the patient sustained a superficial sharp force injury consistent with a stab wound. The injury was limited to the skin and did not penetrate the underlying musculature or deeper anatomical structures. While the wound was not life-threatening, it would have caused the animal unnecessary pain and suffering at the time it was inflicted. Following appropriate veterinary treatment, the prognosis is excellent, and a full recovery is anticipated with routine post-operative care.

I, **Dr Naomi Wolfaardt**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

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I know and understand the content of this declaration.

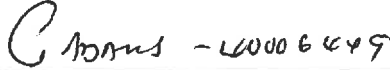
I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.



DEPONENT

The deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at NOT BY on this the 22nd day of July 2028, 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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