



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr. Leon Hector**, 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 CS25/19195. 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 21 July 2026, I conducted a clinical examination on a canine admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal had been surrendered from a property situated at 28 Impala Crescent, Rocklands Cape Town, by Inspector Jeffrey Mfini under SPCA case number INSP216456.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A101064
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Crossbreed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, intact
- **Colour and Markings:** Tan, white and Black
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 2/9 (severely underweight)
- **Weight:** 13.04 kg
- **Behaviour:** Bright, alert and responsive.
- **External Parasites:** None observed at the time of examination
- **Dentition and Nails:** In fair condition with mild plaque and tartar accumulation
- **Eyes:** Within normal limits

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Additional clinically significant findings:

- The animal was markedly underweight with prominent ribs, vertebrae and pelvic bones visible and easily palpable, consistent with severe loss of both body fat and muscle mass.
- Generalised muscle wasting was present.
- There was no clinical evidence of an acute disease process that would adequately explain the poor body condition at the time of examination.
- The overall clinical presentation was consistent with prolonged inadequate nutritional intake and a lack of appropriate preventative healthcare.

4.

VETERINARY OPINION:

Based on the clinical examination findings, the animal was assessed as being severely emaciated, with a Body Condition Score of 2/9.

In my professional opinion, the animal's condition is consistent with prolonged inadequate nutritional intake. In the absence of evidence indicating an underlying medical condition, the most likely cause is the failure to provide a sufficient quantity of balanced, nutritious food to maintain normal body condition. Furthermore, the apparent lack of routine preventative veterinary care, including regular deworming, may have contributed to or exacerbated the animal's poor body condition.

The degree of weight loss and muscle wasting observed would not have developed over a short period. In my opinion, the animal would have been subjected to prolonged suffering over a period of several weeks to months as a result of the inadequate nutrition and husbandry provided.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The prognosis for this animal is considered good, provided that appropriate corrective measures are implemented.

The following recommendations are made:

- Provision of a nutritionally balanced, good-quality diet in quantities sufficient to achieve and maintain an ideal body condition.
- Administration of an appropriate broad-spectrum anthelmintic (deworming) treatment as prescribed or recommended by a veterinarian.
- Implementation of an effective tick and flea control programme.
- Regular monitoring of body weight and Body Condition Score to assess progress.
- Follow-up veterinary examinations as required to monitor recovery and overall health.

6.

CONCLUSION

The animal examined was suffering from severe emaciation, evidenced by a Body Condition Score of 2/9, significant muscle wasting and inadequate body fat reserves. In my professional opinion, these findings are consistent with prolonged inadequate nutrition and insufficient preventative healthcare. The condition would have resulted in unnecessary suffering and was preventable through the provision of appropriate nutrition, routine parasite control and adequate husbandry. With appropriate veterinary treatment and proper ongoing care, the animal's prognosis is favourable.

I, Dr. Leon Hector, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

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

Dr. Leon Hector (BVSc)

The deponent has acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at SPCA on this the 27 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.


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