



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 17 July 2026, I conducted a full clinical examination of a canine admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal had been seized from a property situated 25 Cook Street, Goodwood, Cape Town, and was presented by Inspector Trevor Rodney under Cape of Good Hope SPCA case number INSP224118.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A62069
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Crossbreed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Brown and Black
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Mike

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Weight:** 19.6 kg
- **Behaviour:** Scared and fearful
- **External Parasites:** Unable to assess conclusively
- **Dentition:** Unable to assess conclusively
- **Nails:** Unable to assess conclusively

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Additional Clinical Findings:

- Bilateral nasal discharge;
- Persistent coughing; and
- No other clinically significant abnormalities noted during the examination.

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VETERINARY OPINION:

Based on my clinical examination, the primary medical concern was inflammation of the upper respiratory tract.

Initially, there was concern that the animal was suffering from Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex (commonly referred to as "kennel cough"), which is a contagious but generally mild respiratory disease. In view of the clinical signs exhibited, further diagnostic testing was considered necessary to exclude more serious infectious diseases.

A Canine Distemper (CD) SNAP test was subsequently performed, and the animal tested positive for Canine Distemper Virus (CDV).

Canine Distemper is a highly contagious viral disease affecting dogs and other susceptible carnivores. It is associated with a poor prognosis in clinically affected animals and poses a significant risk of transmission to other susceptible animals.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Following confirmation of the positive Canine Distemper test, the prognosis was considered poor due to the serious nature of the disease and its highly contagious characteristics.

In the interests of animal welfare and to prevent the spread of infection to other animals within the facility, the animal was humanely euthanised in accordance with accepted veterinary practice.

6.

CONCLUSION

In my professional opinion, the animal was suffering from Canine Distemper Virus infection, as confirmed by diagnostic testing. The clinical signs observed during my examination were consistent with this diagnosis.

Given the poor prognosis associated with clinically affected animals and the significant risk of transmission posed by the disease, humane euthanasia was the most appropriate and ethically justified course of action. This decision was made to prevent further suffering of the animal and to protect other susceptible animals from exposure to this highly contagious disease.

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.

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

George Birch
DEPONENT

Dr. George Birch (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 GRASSY PARK on this the 7 day of AUGUST 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.

J De Vos
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COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Full names: _____



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