

## LABORATORY REPORT

Submission No: S2026/08\_0425

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**Sender Reference:** A52580.30

**State Vet Area:** Contact Sender for SV details

**Purpose of sampling:** Diagnostic

### SPECIMEN INFORMATION

**Species:** Porcine - Pigs

**Date & Time Received:** 26-08-2026 13:05:42

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### POST MORTEM REPORT

Date: 24th August 2026

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Animal identification: One female intact black pig of unknown age (adult) - No ID.

History: "The SPCA executed a warrant on 25 August 2026 and came across the body of an adult female pig with a large hole (appeared to be ruptured abscess or growth) around the anal area. The pig also had some maggots on it. We are not clear on predisposed conditions but we need to know how the animal died to form part of the cruelty docket against the owner.

Farmer with number of dead animals. Pig was found dead in delapidated house. No potable water available for animals and dirty living conditions."

Samples received and tests requested: One female intact black pig of unknown age (adult) for post mortem examination

PM changes: Advanced (including ruptured organs and liquefaction of various parenchymatous tissues).

General changes:

Advanced state of autolysis made meaningful examination difficult.

Suspected good body condition, given size and remnants of fatty tissue present.

Specific changes:

Advanced state of autolysis with associated haemolysis and putrefaction made meaningful examination difficult:

Abdomen: Sharp wooden sticks (sosatie sticks), both intact and large fragments, some blood stained and others were not, were observed throughout the abdomen and within the stomach. The stomach was largely empty.

Skeletal: No obvious fractures were observed.

Skin: A large amount of insects, sand and maggots were observed throughout the skin. The anal region indicated in the history was largely dried out with irregular edges, and could not be further investigated given the texture of the remaining tissue.

Samples taken at necropsy:

No sample collection was possible due to advanced state of autolysis with associated haemolysis and putrefaction which would have made sample collection futile.

### RESULTS:

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#### COMMENTS/DIAGNOSIS:

The final diagnosis for this case is currently unclear given the advanced state of autolysis, including putrefaction and haemolysis. Foreign bodies were observed within the abdominal cavity and stomach (largely empty stomach), appearing similar to sosatie wooden sticks with sharp ends/points. It is possible that these may have perforated the gastrointestinal tract but this could not be thoroughly investigated given the advanced state of autolysis which included incredibly fragile tissue and liquefaction of parenchymatous tissues within the abdominal cavity and severe haemolysis. Given the advanced state of autolysis, the final cause of death could also not be identified as all possible infectious and non-infectious causes could not be further investigated or ruled out. But, no obvious severe skeletal (bone) traumatic injuries (fractures) were observed throughout the carcass.

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Thank you for submitting these samples to the Western Cape Provincial Veterinary Laboratory. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

#### State Veterinarian

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