



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 04 August 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 at 27 Naartjie Street, East-Rural, Cape Town, and was presented by Inspector Tariq Albertyn under Cape of Good Hope SPCA case number INSP234333.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

ANIMAL 1:

- **Admission Number:** A58347
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Pitbull type
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male (neutered)
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Tan and white
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Rock

ANIMAL 2:

- **Admission Number:** A58348
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Pitbull type
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male (intact)
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Black and white

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- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Cezar

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

ANIMAL 1 (Rock):

- **Body Condition Score:** 3/9 (underweight)
- **Weight:** 19 kg
- **Behaviour:** Good demeanour
- **External Parasites:** No abnormalities detected (NAD)
- **Dentition:** No abnormalities detected (NAD)
- **Nails:** No abnormalities detected (NAD)

Additional Clinical Findings:

- Multiple old bite wound scars affecting the ears and head.
- An old healing wound over the left pin bone (gluteal region).

ANIMAL 2 (Cezar):

- **Body Condition Score:** 3/9 (underweight)
- **Weight:** 19 kg
- **Behaviour:** Good demeanour
- **External Parasites:** No abnormalities detected (NAD)
- **Dentition:** No abnormalities detected (NAD)
- **Nails:** No abnormalities detected (NAD)

Additional Clinical Findings:

- Multiple scars affecting the distal aspects of both forelimbs.
- Bilateral scleral inflammation.

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VETERINARY OPINION:

Animal 1 (Rock)

The primary clinical concerns identified during my examination were the dog's poor body condition and the presence of a chronic healing wound over the left gluteal (pin bone) region.

A Body Condition Score of 3/9 is indicative of an underweight animal with reduced fat reserves and decreased muscle mass. Weight loss is a multifactorial condition and may result from inadequate husbandry practices, including insufficient nutrition, poor parasite control, inadequate preventative healthcare, or underlying disease processes. While further diagnostic testing may be required to determine the precise cause, inadequate husbandry remains one of the most common contributing factors.

The wound over the left pin bone is chronic in nature and may represent a pressure sore associated with prolonged contact with hard surfaces. Alternatively, it may have resulted from previous trauma or an untreated abscess. Regardless of its origin, the lesion indicates that it had been present for an extended period and required veterinary assessment and treatment.

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

Poor body condition can result in persistent hunger, reduced physiological function, impaired immune competence, delayed wound healing, and increased susceptibility to infectious disease. The chronic wound would likely have caused ongoing discomfort and pain until appropriate treatment was instituted.

Animal 2 (Cezar)

The primary clinical concerns identified during my examination were the dog's poor body condition, chronic weight loss, multiple chronic wounds affecting both forelimbs, and bilateral scleral inflammation.

A Body Condition Score of 3/9 is indicative of an underweight animal with reduced fat reserves and decreased muscle mass. Weight loss is a multifactorial condition and may result from inadequate husbandry practices, including insufficient nutrition, poor parasite control, inadequate preventative healthcare, or underlying disease processes. While additional diagnostic testing may be required to determine the exact cause, inadequate nutrition and husbandry remain common contributing factors.

The multiple old scars affecting the distal forelimbs are consistent with previous chronic injuries. These scars may have resulted from repeated trauma, prolonged contact with hard surfaces resulting in pressure sores, previous abscess formation, or other untreated traumatic injuries. Regardless of the underlying cause, the scars indicate that previous injuries had occurred.

The duration of bilateral scleral inflammation is unknown but is consistent with scleritis or conjunctival inflammation and is most commonly associated with environmental irritation, allergic disease, or infectious causes, including bacterial or viral pathogens.

Poor body condition and chronic weight loss adversely affect an animal's health by reducing immune function, delaying wound healing, decreasing physiological reserves, and increasing susceptibility to infectious disease. Persistent hunger associated with inadequate body condition has a significant negative impact on the animal's welfare. The ocular inflammation would also have caused ongoing irritation and discomfort.

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PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Animal 1 (Rock)

The prognosis for this animal is considered good, provided that the underlying cause is primarily related to inadequate husbandry and appropriate corrective management is implemented. Should the dog fail to respond to nutritional rehabilitation and supportive care, further diagnostic investigation would be necessary to identify any underlying disease process.

The chronic wound over the left gluteal region is expected to heal with appropriate wound management, adequate bedding, pain control, and improved husbandry.

Recommended treatment includes:

- Improved husbandry and nutritional management.
- Provision of appropriate, clean, and comfortable bedding.
- Appropriate pain management.
- Routine parasite prevention and veterinary healthcare.
- Ongoing monitoring of body weight, body condition, and wound healing.

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

Animal 2 (Cezar)

The prognosis for this animal is considered good, provided the primary cause is related to inadequate husbandry and appropriate corrective management is implemented. Should the dog fail to respond to nutritional rehabilitation and supportive care, further diagnostic investigation would be required to identify any underlying medical conditions affecting body weight.

The scleral inflammation is expected to respond well to appropriate topical anti-inflammatory and/or antimicrobial therapy, depending on the underlying cause.

Recommended treatment includes:

- Improved husbandry and nutritional management.
- Appropriate parasite prevention and routine veterinary care.
- Topical anti-inflammatory treatment for the scleral inflammation, with additional medication as clinically indicated.
- Monitoring of body weight and body condition during rehabilitation.

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CONCLUSION

In my professional opinion, both Rock and Cezar were presented in an underweight condition, each with a Body Condition Score of 3/9, indicating prolonged inadequate body condition and reduced muscle mass.

Rock exhibited chronic bite wound scarring affecting the ears and head, together with a chronic healing lesion over the left gluteal (pin bone) region. The chronic nature of the lesion indicates that it had been present for an extended period and would likely have caused ongoing pain and discomfort if left untreated.

Cezar exhibited multiple scars affecting both distal forelimbs together with bilateral scleral inflammation.

The poor body condition observed in both animals would have resulted in persistent hunger, reduced physiological function, impaired immune function, delayed wound healing, and compromised overall welfare. The chronic wounds and ocular inflammation would have caused ongoing pain, discomfort, and suffering.

In my professional opinion, the clinical findings in both animals are consistent with prolonged inadequate husbandry and a failure to provide appropriate veterinary care. These conditions were preventable, negatively affected the animals' welfare, and required timely intervention and treatment.

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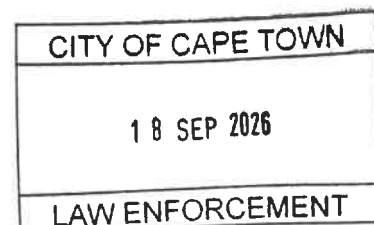
I know and understand the content of this declaration.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

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



DEPONENT
Dr. George Birch (BVSc)



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

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 18 day of September 20 26 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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18 SEP 2026

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