



VETERINARY REPORT

To whom it may concern

On Wednesday 11 January 2023, Pepper was surrendered to the CoGH SPCA by Cindy Roelf of 14 4th Ave, Grassy Park (admin no. 89200). On 12 January 2023 I was asked to evaluate the animal by Insp Jeffrey Mfini. Below my clinical findings.

ANIMAL DETAILS

Species: Canine

Breed: Pitbull

Sex: Male, intact

Age: 4-5 years

Name: Pepper

Description: Black and white

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

The dog presented in severely poor condition. He had a body condition score of 1/9 (ideal 4-5) in the Nestle-Purina Body Condition System (emaciated) and showed severe muscle loss. The coat was in overall poor condition. He was approximately 8-10% dehydrated, based on the pale mucous membranes, tacky mucous membranes, delayed skin tent and sunken eyes. His overall habitus was depressed, but still responsive. The dog did not show any sign of aggression, despite being manipulated while being definitely painful and uncomfortable.

Teeth were in adequate condition.

There were signs of calluses on the ischial tuberosities.

There were signs of severe chronic flea bite allergy on the rump area, with marked alopecia (hair loss), scabbing, wounds and pruritis (itching). Secondary bacterial infections also appear to have set in.

There were multiple healing wounds of unknown origin on the face and muzzle.

The dog had severe deep pyoderma of the front legs, extending to the toes distally, and to the neck and lower jaw proximally. There was also an abscess on the left cheek, actively discharging blood stained purulent material.

COMMENTS

In my professional opinion, this animal has been chronically and grossly neglected. This degree of muscle and condition loss would have taken weeks to develop to this point. The presence of a severe and generalised infection, that was obviously oozing pus would have been obvious to any person paying any sort of attention to an animal. It is my opinion that the owner, up until the eventual surrender of the animal grossly neglected the animal and failed

in their duties to provide the animal with sufficient veterinary care, provide adequate food, or provide adequate overall care.

Yours sincerely

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