



VETERINARY REPORT

On the 17th of January 2025,

- Examination performed by Dr. Helen Aldrich.
- Location of dog collection: 22 Oakhill Road, Harmony Village, Cape Town, postal code 7785.
- Inspector: Jeffrey Mfini
- Motivation for confiscation: Owner's non-compliance and abandonment of animal

ANIMAL DETAILS

Name: Unknown
Species: Canine
Breed: Cross breed
Sex: Female intact
Age: Adult
Description: Tan and white
Case number: A55538

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

- **Description** of the condition
 - Severe pruritus (itching), alopecia and scabbing of the caudodorsum, around the perineum and around the neck. Secondary lichenification (thickening of the skin in response to repeated trauma) and hyperpigmentation present.
 - Body condition score (BCS): 2/9 (Nestle Purina score).
 - Severe flea infestation noted.
- **Duration** of the condition
Chronic.
- **Cause** of the condition
Hair loss and associated lesions most likely due to flea allergy dermatitis (immune system sensitivity to a protein in the flea's saliva). Avoided with good tick and flea control.
Chronic nutritional neglect responsible for poor body condition.
- **Prognosis** – Fair with treatment.
- **Recommendation**
This animal suffered unnecessarily due to lack of parasite control and inadequate nutrition, both of which indicate chronic neglect. Two animal freedoms violated, namely "freedom from hunger" and freedom from discomfort".
It is my recommendation that this dog not to be returned to owner unless there is compliance with strict flea control and improved nutrition, implementation of education, and monitoring by inspectors.

Yours sincerely

Dr H Aldrich (BVSc)
Veterinarian

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