



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr Deepali Narotam**, hereby make oath and declare in English as follows:

1.

I am an adult female veterinarian registered with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) under registration number **D24/19130**. I hold the qualification Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc). I am currently employed by the Cape of Good Hope SPCA.

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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.

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On 21 July 2025, a female adult mixed-breed dog was admitted to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. This animal was brought in by Officer Mzi Mfini from NY130-19, Guguletu. The matter is recorded under INSP case number INSP218887. The dog was presented to the SPCA Hospital where I performed a detailed clinical examination.

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ANIMAL INFORMATION AND CLINICAL FINDINGS:

- Admission Number: A64897
- Species: Canine
- Breed: Mixed breed
- Sex and Reproductive Status: Female, intact
- Estimated Age: Adult
- Microchip Number: None
- Colour and Markings: Black and white
- Name (if known): Katalina

Clinical Examination Findings:

- Body Condition Score: Fair
- Weight: 18.2 kg
- Behaviour: Friendly and cooperative
- Presence of Parasites: Severe flea infestation observed on the coat
- Dentals: Pulp exposure of the lower incisors
- Other Notable Findings:
 - Wound: A circumferential laceration around the neck, measuring approximately 2 cm in depth, was noted. The wound was most severe on the ventral aspect of the neck, showing signs of necrosis and active infection. Granulation tissue was also present, indicating chronicity.
 - Skin: Generalised alopecia observed, particularly affecting the caudo-dorsal region and ventral abdomen. This pattern is consistent with flea allergy dermatitis.

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VETERINARY OPINION:

Medical Concerns and Injuries Found:

- The dog presented with three major medical concerns:
 - External parasite infestation (severe flea burden)
 - Chronic skin condition consistent with flea allergy dermatitis
 - Deep laceration around the neck, infected and showing signs of tissue necrosis and granulation

Cause and Nature of Injuries/Conditions:

In my expert opinion, the flea infestation is indicative of a lack of external parasite control and likely associated with unsanitary living conditions. The distribution and pattern of hair loss is typical of flea bite allergy dermatitis, which occurs due to chronic exposure and sensitivity to flea saliva. The circumferential neck wound is consistent with an embedded collar injury — a collar left on a growing animal or tightened over time to the extent that it begins to cut through the skin and into the underlying musculature. The presence of granulation tissue in the wound indicates that the injury has been present and left untreated for at least two weeks. The pulp exposure of the lower incisors is most likely the result of long-term feeding of inappropriate substances (e.g. bones or hard objects), causing excessive dental wear and damage.

Duration of Suffering:

The severity and chronic nature of the neck wound, the skin condition, and the dental issues lead me to conclude that the dog has suffered for at least two weeks or more. The animal's condition is consistent with ongoing neglect.

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PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION:

Prognosis:

Poor. While the dog displayed a friendly nature, the extent of the wound and chronic medical conditions posed significant challenges to her recovery. In consultation with the veterinary team, and in light of her condition and prognosis, it was determined that the most humane course of action would be euthanasia to prevent further suffering.

Recommended Course of Action:

The dog was surrendered into the care of the SPCA. Following completion of the statutory surrender period, and upon veterinary assessment, the animal was humanely euthanised.

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It is my professional opinion that this dog suffered unnecessarily as a result of neglectful conditions and a failure to provide basic veterinary care. The severity and chronicity of the injuries, parasite burden, and skin disease are all consistent with long-term neglect. Such suffering could have been entirely preventable had the animal received even minimal care and attention. The injuries sustained are consistent with a failure to act, and amount to cruelty as defined in the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

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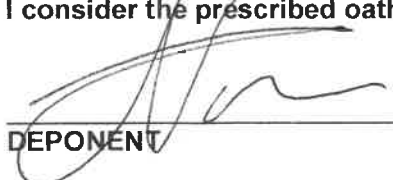
I, Dr Deepali Narotam, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

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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

The deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at CAPE TOWN on this the 10 day of November 2021, 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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