



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr. Leon Hector**, 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 CS25/19195. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree (BVSc). 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 22 April 2026, I conducted a clinical examination on a canine admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal had been seized from a property situated at 28 Derek Road, Lotus River, Cape Town, by Inspector Siviwe Noko under SPCA case number INSP229684.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A98528
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** German Shepard
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, intact
- **Colour and Markings:** Tan and Black
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 3/9 (underweight)
- **Weight:** 20 kg
- **Behaviour:** Bright, alert and responsive.
- **External Parasites:** None observed at the time of examination
- **Dentition and Nails:** Good condition, with slight tartar staining present on the teeth
- **Eyes:** Within normal limits
- **Additional clinically significant findings:** No clinically significant abnormalities detected

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VETERINARY OPINION:

Based on the clinical examination findings, the animal was assessed as being underweight, with a body condition score of 3/9, which is below the acceptable range for a healthy adult German Shepherd.

The most likely cause of the dog's poor body condition is inadequate nutrition. This may arise from the provision of insufficient quantities of food, the provision of food of inadequate nutritional value, irregular feeding practices, or a combination thereof.

In addition, where routine veterinary preventative care is lacking, particularly regular deworming, intestinal parasite infestations may develop and contribute significantly to weight loss and poor body condition. Internal parasites compete with the host for nutrients and can impair the animal's ability to maintain a healthy weight despite food intake.

A body condition score of 3/9 indicates a state of chronic undernourishment. In this animal, prominent skeletal structures and reduced body reserves are consistent with prolonged inadequate nutritional intake. Such a condition negatively impacts the animal's welfare and predisposes it to impaired immune function, reduced resilience to disease, decreased energy levels, and a diminished quality of life.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The prognosis for this animal is considered good, provided that appropriate corrective measures are implemented.

The following recommendations are made:

- Provision of a nutritionally balanced, good-quality diet in quantities sufficient to maintain an ideal body condition
- Administration of an appropriate broad-spectrum deworming treatment as prescribed or recommended by a veterinarian
- Implementation of an effective tick and flea control programme
- Regular monitoring of body weight and body condition score to ensure sustained improvement
- Ongoing veterinary assessments as required to monitor recovery and overall health status

6.

CONCLUSION

At the time of examination, the animal was underweight and in a compromised body condition consistent with prolonged inadequate nutrition and husbandry. In my professional opinion, this condition adversely affected the animal's welfare and resulted in unnecessary suffering.

In light of the animal's condition, the history of non-compliance, and the need to safeguard its future welfare, I am of the opinion that permanent confiscation of the animal should be considered. It would be in the best interests of the dog to be placed in the care of a suitable and responsible owner or organisation capable of providing adequate nutrition, husbandry, and veterinary care.

In my professional opinion, the dog was suffering unnecessarily as a result of its underweight condition. The suffering experienced by the animal was avoidable and could reasonably have

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been prevented through the provision of adequate nutrition, appropriate husbandry practices, and routine veterinary care.

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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. Leon Hector (BVSc)

The deponent has acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at SPCA Cough on this the 21 day of June 2026, 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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