



CAPE OF GOOD HOPE SPCA
Ethics Committee Recommendation

Date: 05/08/2026

Admission: **Confiscated**
Date of admission: 8 April 2026
Owner: Safwaan Hendricks and Leon Moosa
Address: 52 Rotterdam road, Bayview

Admission number: A 93691

1. Background

Following a cruelty complaint, Inspector Jeffrey Mfini conducted several inspections and found multiple dogs suffering from poor body condition, tick and flea infestations, skin disease, inadequate confinement, and unhygienic living conditions. Although several warnings were issued requiring veterinary treatment, parasite control, improved housing, and proper care, only partial compliance was achieved and the welfare concerns persisted. Due to the continued neglect and failure to comply with the warnings, a warrant was obtained.

1.1. Result of the Last Inspection

The final inspection on 8 April 2026 resulted in the seizure of all three dogs due to their poor condition, ongoing neglect, and the owners' failure to comply with previous warnings. The animals were admitted to the SPCA, and a criminal cruelty case was initiated.

2. Results of Veterinary Concerns

The veterinary findings demonstrate that this Boerboel suffered from prolonged neglect before admission into SPCA care. At the initial examination, the dog was significantly underweight (Body Condition Score 3/9), heavily infested with ticks, and the condition was consistent with chronic malnutrition and inadequate husbandry over a period of weeks to months. Despite remaining in SPCA care for more than three months and receiving appropriate nutrition, parasite control, and veterinary intervention, the dog showed virtually no meaningful improvement in body weight. During the follow-up examination, on 7 July 2026, the dog remained underweight, continued to suffer from tick infestation, and had developed wounds to both forepaws. These findings indicate chronic, long-standing neglect requiring extensive rehabilitation, with the veterinarian concluding that the dog should not be returned to its owner.

3. Ethical Considerations

Based on above veterinary findings, it is strongly suggested that the dog be humanely euthanised as it is not improving and keeping it alive would prolong suffering. A cruelty case was also registered against the owners. It would be unethical to keep the dog alive for the duration of the court case, which could endure for months-years.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that the dog be Ethics so that **ACC may humanely euthanase the dog.**

Ethics done by: on behalf of Inspectorate – Rudolph Philander

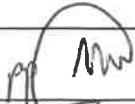
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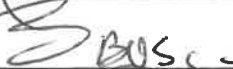
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