



Affidavit – Veterinary Report

I, **Dr. Natara Moodley**, 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 CS26/17195. 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 17 July 2026, a canine was admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA after reportedly being found abandoned in Kalkfontein.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A81978
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** German Shepherd Dog Mix
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female (intact)
- **Estimated Age:** Juvenile
- **Colour and Markings:** Tan and Black
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

On 17 July 2026, I conducted a full clinical examination of the animal in question. The following findings were recorded:

General Condition:

- **Body Condition Score:** 3/9 (underweight)
- **Weight:** 10 kg
- **Behaviour:**
 - The animal was presented in a collapsed state and was non-responsive, preventing a full behavioural assessment.
 - The patient was markedly dehydrated and displayed mild respiratory distress (dyspnoea).

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Nails:

- Nails were of an appropriate length and within normal limits.

Head and Oral Examination:

Mucous membranes were severely icteric (yellow in colour) and tacky, consistent with severe dehydration and significant systemic disease.

Skin and Coat:

- No significant dermatological abnormalities, wounds or ectoparasites were observed.

Musculoskeletal System:

No significant abnormalities

Parasite Burden:

- No external or internal parasites noted during the clinical examination.

Most Significant Clinical Findings

The most significant clinical findings were severe icterus (jaundice), profound anaemia, dehydration, abdominal pain, haemorrhagic diarrhoea and collapse. A blood smear demonstrated a marked inflammatory response with findings suggestive of Ehrlichia infection. These findings were consistent with advanced systemic disease, resulting in multiple organ dysfunction and severe physiological compromise.

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VETERINARY OPINION:

Based on my clinical examination and diagnostic findings, it is my professional veterinary opinion that this juvenile canine was suffering from severe systemic illness characterised by profound anaemia, dehydration, icterus, abdominal pain, respiratory compromise and haemorrhagic diarrhoea.

Microscopic examination of a blood smear demonstrated an inflammatory response together with findings suggestive of Ehrlichia infection. The overall clinical presentation is consistent with complicated ehrlichiosis resulting in severe anaemia and multiple organ dysfunction syndrome. The haemorrhagic diarrhoea may have been directly associated with the underlying ehrlichiosis and resultant coagulopathy, although concurrent underlying gastrointestinal pathology cannot be excluded.

The animal was critically ill at the time of presentation and was experiencing significant pain, weakness, physiological distress and prolonged suffering.

In my professional opinion, the duration of suffering was chronic, having developed over an extended period rather than acutely.

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PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Prognosis

- Poor to grave.

Recommendations

Humane euthanasia was recommended to prevent further pain and suffering due to the extremely poor prognosis and advanced disease process.

7.

CONCLUSION

In my professional opinion, this animal suffered from advanced, untreated systemic disease that had progressed to a critical and life-threatening condition. Earlier veterinary intervention would likely have identified and treated the underlying disease before it reached such an advanced stage.

The failure to obtain timely veterinary treatment resulted in prolonged unnecessary pain, suffering and deterioration of the animal's condition. At the time of examination, the animal's prognosis was grave, and humane euthanasia was the only appropriate course of action to prevent further suffering.

8.

I know and understand the content of this declaration.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

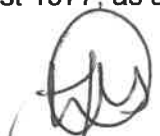
I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.



DEPONENT

Dr. Natara Moodley (BVSc)

The deponent has acknowledged that she knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at GIRASSY PARK on this the 7 day of AUGUST 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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