



## **AFFIDAVIT VETERINARY REPORT**

I, **Dr. George Birch**, 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 D06/5077. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree (BVSc), with 16 years of experience. 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 24 July 2026, I conducted a full clinical examination of a canine admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal had been seized from a property situated 6 Libra Road, Ocean View, Cape Town, and was presented by Inspector Yaaseen Abrahams under Cape of Good Hope SPCA case number INSP232182.

**3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:**

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A101839
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Pitbull type
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Female (intact)
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Tan
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Treasure

**3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:**

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 2/9 (severely underweight)
- **Weight:** 16.2 kg
- **Behaviour:** Hyperexcitable but bright and responsive
- **External Parasites:** No abnormalities detected (NAD)
- **Dentition:** No abnormalities detected (NAD)
- **Nails:** No abnormalities detected (NAD)

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**Additional Clinical Findings:**

- Bilateral scleral inflammation affecting both eyes.

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**VETERINARY OPINION:**

Based on my clinical examination, the primary clinical concerns were the animal's poor body condition and bilateral scleral inflammation.

The poor body condition indicates chronic weight loss. In my professional opinion, weight loss of this nature is most commonly associated with inadequate nutrition, insufficient caloric intake, poor-quality diet, inadequate husbandry practices, chronic disease, parasitic burdens or other underlying systemic disorders. In the absence of further diagnostic investigations, the precise cause cannot be determined with certainty; however, deficiencies in husbandry and nutrition remain the most likely contributing factors.

Chronic weight loss may result in prolonged hunger, depletion of body fat and muscle reserves, impaired immune function and reduced physiological resilience.

The bilateral scleral inflammation is a non-specific clinical finding. Possible causes include environmental irritation, allergic disease, excitement-induced conjunctival congestion or other inflammatory ocular conditions. Further diagnostic evaluation would be required should the condition fail to improve with appropriate management.

5.

**PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

I recommend that the animal receive immediate improvements in husbandry, including the provision of a nutritionally complete, high-quality diet with an appropriate increase in caloric intake.

Routine anthelmintic (deworming) treatment should be administered as part of the initial management plan.

The animal should be closely monitored for improvement in body condition and ocular health. Should there be an inadequate response following empirical improvements in nutrition and husbandry, further diagnostic investigations, including haematology, serum biochemistry and additional ophthalmic examination, should be considered to identify any underlying disease process.

6.

**CONCLUSION**

In my professional opinion, the poor body condition exhibited by this animal is consistent with chronic weight loss and indicates that the animal has endured a prolonged period of inadequate nutrition and/or deficient husbandry. Such a condition would have resulted in unnecessary pain, suffering, distress and discomfort through persistent hunger, depletion of body fat and muscle reserves, and a reduction in the animal's overall physical wellbeing.

Although the patient remained alert and energetic at the time of examination, this does not diminish the significance of the poor body condition or the suffering associated with chronic malnutrition. Animals may continue to display normal or excitable behaviour despite experiencing significant physiological compromise.

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I, **Dr. George Birch**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

The bilateral scleral inflammation would also have caused ocular discomfort and irritation. In the absence of appropriate veterinary treatment and adequate husbandry, these conditions were capable of causing continued unnecessary suffering.

In my professional opinion, the animal's condition was preventable through the provision of adequate nutrition, appropriate husbandry and timely veterinary intervention.

7.

**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. George Birch (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 GRASSY 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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**COMMISSIONER OF OATHS**

**Full names:** \_\_\_\_\_



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