



## **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 10 June 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 at 54 Warath, Highplaces, Cape Town, and was presented by Inspector Lwazi Ntungele under Cape of Good Hope SPCA case number INSP234356.

### **3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:**

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A101125
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Cross breed
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male (sterilised)
- **Estimated Age:** Adult
- **Colour and Markings:** Brindle
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Unknown

### **3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:**

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 5/9 (acceptable)
- **Weight:** 25 kg
- **Behaviour:** Anxious and fearful during examination.
- **External Parasites:** None noted.
- **Dentition:** Within normal limits
- **Nails:** Within normal limits

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#### **Additional Clinical Findings:**

The left ear exhibited significant traumatic injury consisting of a laceration with a degloving wound. The auricular cartilage was exposed, and there was marked discharge present. The wound appeared to be relatively recent; however, early infection was suspected due to the presence of discharge and the nature of the wound. The injury would have been extremely painful.

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#### **VETERINARY OPINION:**

In my professional opinion, the primary medical concern identified was the severe traumatic injury to the left ear.

The degloving injury and associated laceration were acute in nature and would have caused the animal marked pain and discomfort. The exposed cartilage significantly increased the risk of bacterial contamination and subsequent infection. The wound was clearly visible and of such severity that it required prompt veterinary attention.

Failure to obtain timely veterinary treatment would have unnecessarily prolonged the animal's pain and increased the likelihood of complications, including infection, delayed healing and permanent damage to the ear.

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#### **PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The prognosis for this animal was considered excellent, provided appropriate veterinary intervention was instituted.

The following treatment was recommended and undertaken:

- Surgical repair of the traumatic ear wound.
- Appropriate analgesia (pain management).
- Antimicrobial therapy to treat and prevent infection.
- Ongoing wound management and post-operative monitoring.

Surgical repair was successfully performed, and the patient responded well to treatment without any immediate complications.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

At the time of examination, the patient was in good general body condition with no evidence of systemic neglect. However, the traumatic injury to the left ear constituted a significant welfare concern. The wound was large, obvious, painful and required urgent veterinary treatment.

In my professional opinion, the owner ought reasonably to have recognised the severity of the injury and sought veterinary attention without delay. The failure to do so unnecessarily prolonged the animal's pain and suffering and exposed the wound to an increased risk of infection and further complications.

While the animal's overall condition was otherwise good, the isolated failure to obtain prompt treatment for such an obvious and painful injury is concerning.

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I, **Dr. George Birch**, 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.

*George Birch*

**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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