

NEGLECTED DOG NEEDS YOUR HELP PLEASE!

A concerned member of the public, Matthew Kannemeyer, contacted us in desperation about this dog in the pictures below. The dog was on a short chain, with no water or shelter and in a very bad condition. According to Matthew, he contacted the Johannesburg SPCA, who said they will investigate the situation. He called the SPCA again after a few days and they informed him that they gave the owner a warning letter saying that the owner must take the dog off the chain and get medical treatment. Matthew called yet again after a few days and the SPCA told him that the dog is now off the chain and receiving medical treatment from the owners vet.

Matthew was not satisfied with this situation, as the dog was in an extremely bad condition and he felt the owner does not deserve to keep the dog. He e-mailed a picture of the dog to us and asked if we could check up on her. We agreed and went to the house in Riverlea ext 5.

When we questioned the owner, Kathleen Visser, she said that the SPCA is treating the dog. We told her that the dog needs to be taken to a vet and demanded that we take her to our vet.

The findings of our vet were very DISTURBING! The dog suffered from **severe malnutrition**, she had **mange all over her body**; her **legs and feet were severely swollen** (probably as a result from the malnutrition); she was **underweight**; she was **riddled with worms** and there was **blood coming through the cracks in her bare skin**. This poor dog had been in such pain and agony for such a long time!

We contacted the owner and informed her that she is guilty of **animal abuse**, punishable by law and that we are not giving her dog back! We are considering legal action.



The face of a dog in pain



The dogs severely swollen legs and toes clearly visible

She is now recovering in the care of our vet, Dr Shelagh Hahn (Blue Bush Animal Clinic). She will soon be in **DESPERATE NEED OF A LOVING HOME!! Please, if you can offer her a home, contact us.**

Please help us to help those who cannot speak for themselves by making a donation if possible and kindly send this to all your friends and family.

Thank you and Kind regards

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