

While doing house-to-house visits in Bapsfontein squatter camp, we found this dog with a severe cut all around her neck, caused by a too tight chain.

It is important in all cases to establish if there was intentional cruelty or just ignorance. It is always better to educate the owners, rather than confiscate animals, in cases of ignorance. Chances are good that uneducated people will get another dog and treat it the same way.

When we find that owners are not willing to change the situation, or abuse their animals intentionally, we confiscate the animals.

We established after talking to the dog's owner, that ignorance was mainly the reason for this dog's condition. She was put on a chain as a young dog and it was never adjusted as she grew bigger. We nevertheless decided to rather find a good, loving home for the dog, instead of leaving her with her owner. We explained to the owner that, even though she did not mean to hurt her dog, this qualifies as animal cruelty, punishable by law.

After proper treatment, "Eva" made a full recovery from her ordeal and we found a very good home for her.

