

CONDITION OF SKIN, HAIRCOAT, AND NAILS

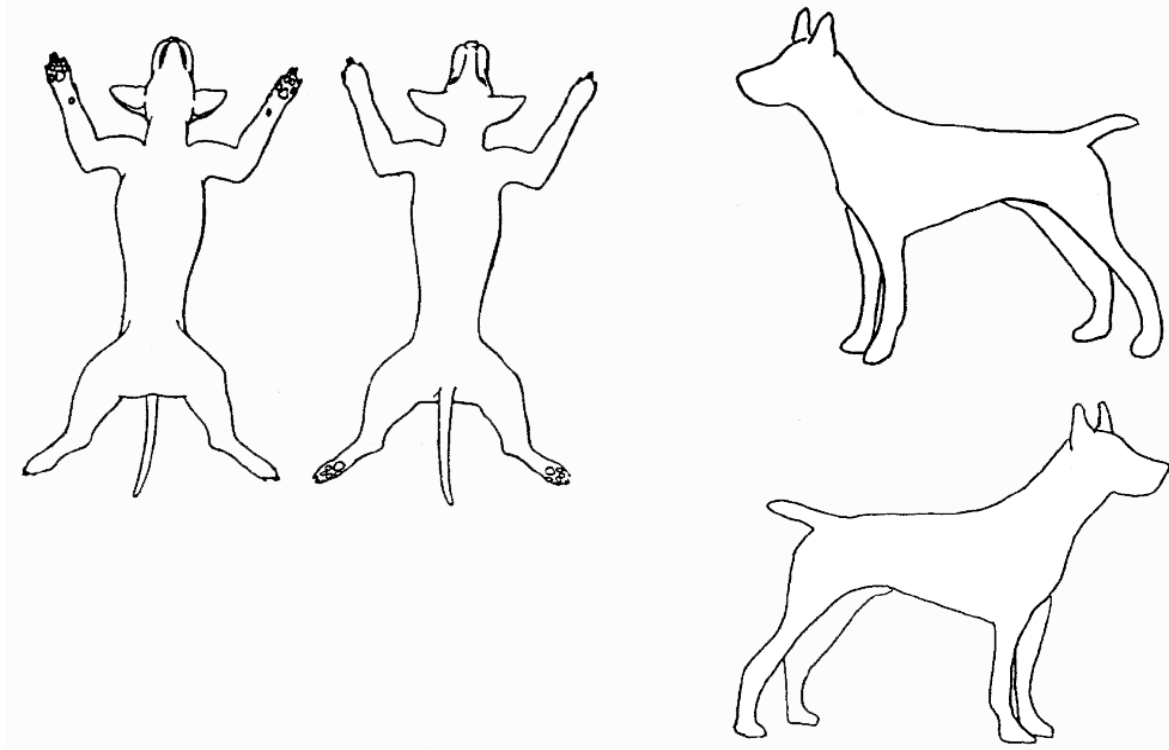
Date _____ Investigating Agency _____

Case# _____ Officer _____ Veterinarian _____

Animal ID _____ Breed _____ Color _____ Male ___ Female ___

Physical Care Scale: Haircoat and Nails (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Record skin lesions or wounds. Describe on diagram or comments section.



COMMENTS:

Physical Care Scale

- (1) Adequate – clean, hair can be easily brushed or combed; nails ok
- (2) Lapsed – haircoat may be somewhat dirty or have a few mats present that are easily removed; remainder of coat can be easily brushed or combed; nails need a trim
- (3) Borderline – numerous mats but can still be groomed without a total clip down; no significant fecal or urine soiling; nails overgrown which may alter gait
- (4) Poor – substantial matting of haircoat; large sections of hair matted together; occasional foreign material embedded in mats; much of the hair will need to be clipped; fecal and urine soiling of hind end and legs; long nails that interfere with normal gait
- (5) Terrible – haircoat is single mat that prevents normal movement and interferes with vision; soiling of hind end and legs with trapped urine and feces; complete clipdown required; nails extremely overgrown into circles and may be penetrating pads causing pain and infection; nails interfering with normal gait (www.tufts.edu/vet/hoarding/pubs/tacc.pdf)