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We provide:

- Surgery & Medicine for small and large animals
- Soft Tissue & Orthopaedic Surgery
- Dentistry
- X-ray & Ultrasound
- In House Blood Testing
- Nutrition & Prescription Diets
- Microchip Identification

Grass Seeds

It won't be long before we are finding grass seeds in all kinds of places! Dogs with long coats are particularly prone to picking up grass seeds.

Most commonly we remove them from between the toes. We also find them in eyes and ears frequently.

Grass seeds are able to migrate long distances through the tissues. They may enter in between the toes and then end up in the groin area. Their migration necessitates dealing with them as soon as you are suspicious that your dog may have picked up a grass seed.

Often dogs are lame or licking their feet excessively if they have one between their toes.

A sore eye for any reason should always be treated as an emergency. Grass seeds often rub on the eye and cause a corneal ulcer which needs rapid investigation and diligent treatment.

Grass seeds in ears usually cause sudden and excessive head shaking. They may rupture the ear drum and need ongoing treatment after the grass seed is removed. Your dog is likely to need sedation for removing grass seeds.

Prevention involves clipping the feet and ears and trying to keep your dog from investigating areas that are full of grass seeds.

If you notice head shaking, a sore eye, lameness, foot licking or any or small weeping sore anywhere on the body then please make an appointment to check for grass seeds!



Clinic Hours:

Simpson Office:

Our Simpson Office is open
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10am to 3pm
P: 03 5594 3257
F: 03 5594 3339

Colac Office:

Our Colac Office is open
Monday to Friday
8am to 6pm
Saturday 9am to 12 noon

We are available 24/7 for emergencies.

Our emergency number is:

5232 2111

**** Please note that we have reduced our opening days in Simpson until further notice ****



January Staff News :

- ◆ Farewell to Lauren who leaves us to head off to Ballarat... All the best Lauren!
- ◆ Welcome back Sharon Earnshaw who returns to us ...nice to have you back!
- ◆ Hello again Andrew who is spending the month with us
- ◆ Wishing the Rhodes family a cold crisp holiday as they venture off to the ski fields
- ◆ As we go to print Kim is still awaiting the birth of her baby... Good luck Kim

2013 Christmas Photo

Congratulations to the McNamara Family for this winning entry!
Bella looks gorgeous!



Happy New Year!

Management and Staff of Rhodes Veterinary Clinic would like to wish all our valued clients a very safe and Happy New Year.