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Skin Cancer in Pets





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#### We provide:

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

Fair skinned pets are prone to sun damage which can progress to become skin cancers. These skin cancers usually require treatment by either liquid nitrogen burning for minor ones or surgery for more advanced cancers.

The common locations are the ears and noses in cats and the belly in sun baking dogs. White coloured dogs and cats are the most commonly affected.

Preventing sun damage and skin cancer:

- ... keep pets indoors during the hottest part of the day
- ... use sunscreen or zinc (coloured ones often stay on the best)
- ... sunsuits for dogs can be custom made for good fit ("fluppies")
- ... confine pets to a shady place during the day





Surgical treatment is often ongoing as once skin cancers start to appear more and more appear over time. Small lesions are easily removed but larger ones may require more extensive surgery and even skin grafts.

Please visit for a consultation if you suspect your pet has a skin cancer so that a treatment and prevention plan can be arranged.



#### **Simpson Office:**

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

#### Colac Office:

Our Colac Office is open

Monday to Friday

8am to 6pm

Saturday 9am to 12 noon

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We are available 24/7 for emergencies.
Our emergency number is:

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### **Dr Jess Thomas**

We are pleased to welcome
Dr Jess to our team at
Rhodes Veterinary Clinic.
Jess graduated from the
University of Melbourne last
year and is keen to get out and
meet our clients.

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