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Newsletter

Staff News - Au Revoir & Bienvenue!

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Dr Cate has departed after 10 years service. Dr Cate has expanded her surgical skills in this time and has certainly been an asset to our Clinic. Cate is moving to Melbourne to support her youngest daughter, Tully who is training very hard to gain a place in the Modern Pentathlon team to compete in the 2018 Youth Olympics in Argentina. We wish both Dr Cate and Tully all the very best.

Christine has recently left us after 15 years. Most of this time was spent in the Simpson Clinic. In recent years Christine enjoyed putting her recently completed Cert IV in Nursing to good use at the Colac Clinic. We wish her well in her new venture!

Au revoir



We welcome Diane O'Keefe and Leanne Haslem to our admin team. Diane (Simpson) and Leanne (Colac) are the new faces you see at the counter and the new voices you hear on the telephone.



Welcome

We are currently conducting interviews for Veterinarian positions available here at RVC. We hope to add 2 Vets to our team to work with Dr Mike and Dr Jess. We will keep you posted!

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

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
www.rhodesveterinaryclinic.com.au

**We are available 24/7
for emergencies.
Our emergency number
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Busting Myths About Antimicrobial Resistance



Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs when bacteria are no longer sensitive to previously effective antibiotics. AMR is a serious problem which is causing people and animals to die from previously treatable infections.

Let's bust a few myths together:

Myth: My animal is sick so my vet should prescribe antibiotics for it

Not all sick and injured animals need antibiotics. Antibiotics will only treat infections caused by bacteria and are not effective against other disease agents such as viruses, fungi and parasites. Many minor conditions can heal without antibiotics. Always seek and follow vet advice.

Myth: I can decide to stop the antibiotics when my animal appears to be getting better

You must always use prescribed antibiotics according to your vet's instructions. Consult your vet if your animal's condition changes during the course. Using antibiotics incorrectly could prevent your animal from recovering from its condition and encourage AMR to occur.

Myth: If I double the dose of the antibiotics then my animal should get better quicker

You must always follow your vet's instructions fully when using antibiotics. Increasing the dose will not reduce the recovery time. In fact that could create problems relating to persistent infections, side effects from high doses, and residues in animal products.

Myth: I can use Rover's leftover antibiotics from last time on Fluffy

Never use leftover medications or share antibiotics between animals. Veterinary advice must be sought since conditions with similar clinical signs could be caused by different disease agents. Only give antibiotics to your animal if these have been prescribed by your vet and not obtained by other means. If you are taking care of animals on a farm or in a business, follow the vet's advice notes and approved health plan.

Myth: Resistance to antibiotics means my animal has become immune to antibiotics

Your animal's body does not build up resistance or immunity to antibiotics, it is the bacteria that become resistant to antibiotics and spread diseases.

Myth: There is nothing I can do about AMR because I only take care of a few animals

Everybody plays an important part in fighting AMR. You can help prevent infection in your animals by getting them vaccinated and providing good care and hygiene. You should not ask for antibiotics from your vet when they are not needed. If they are provided for your animals, please use antibiotics exactly as your vet prescribes them.

For more information visit <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/amr>



EXCITING NEWS:

Rhodes Veterinary Clinic will be offering some new services to our large animal clients soon... details being finalised now.....