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Newsletter

Itchy Ears

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Itchy ears are caused by Otitis externa which is inflammation of the external ear canal to the eardrum. In some cases the outer part of the ear is unaffected. It can come on suddenly or be an ongoing problem in a single ear or both and is one of the most common reasons for dogs and cats to be taken to the vet.

Signs can include any combination of headshaking, scratching, foul odour, pain when touching the ear, pus and red-hot ears. There are many causes of Otitis externa including allergies, grass seeds, bacteria, fungi, overcleaning, and yeast overgrowth. The shape and conformation of your pet's ears along with activities such as swimming can also influence the development of otitis externa.



It is important to seek veterinary advice to identify the cause of ear problems, as it can be very painful and irritating for your pet. Quite often a solution can be as simple as regular cleaning but in some cases lifelong management is required.

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



Did you know that

Dog nose prints are as unique as human finger prints and can be used to identify them. No two are the same.

Simpson Office:

Our Simpson Office is open
Monday & 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
is:**

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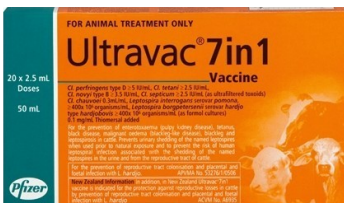
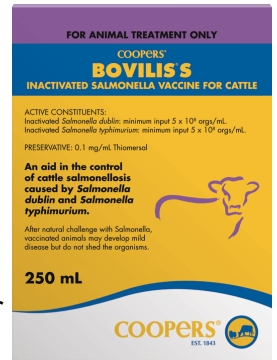
Salmonella Awareness / Testing Campaign

Salmonella infections can present in a number of ways. An animal may show no signs, mild transient diarrhoea through to severe individual disease presenting as dysentery and septicaemia. It may be seen in individual animals or present as multiple sick animals with death in calves and adult cattle.

It is true..... Something good is coming from your cow with diarrhoea. Coopers are putting their wallet forward and are prepared to cover the cost of this testing / typing faeces for you. This test is at no cost to you. However, they are not covering the cost of the Vet call out fee.

If you have cows or calves with a bloody diarrhoea, gone off their milk and generally look like salmonella cattle, please call us. We will visit, take a sample and send it off to the Lab.

The next best news is that if this test is positive and you purchase the first dose of Bovilis S vaccine Coopers will forward enough vaccine to cover the second vaccination. This booster vaccination will be FREE to you when we present proof of your purchase of the first dose. This is a great win, win for all of us.



Whilst discussing vaccinations we would like to discuss 5 in 1 / 7 in 1. Due to the dry year the cows and calves are eating close to the ground and picking up clostridial spores. The next thing we see are a lot of dead calves. This is occurring in our district.

PLEASE, if you have not vaccinated your animals with 5 in 1 or 7 in 1 then do it NOW! Prevention is so much better than having to ring Jacka!



Facebook Messenger / Emails:



We are pleased that so many of our clients are using the online mediums of Facebook and Emails to send us messages and photos BUT please do not use these tools when you have an emergency or wanting to make a booking for that day. We do not constantly monitor these pages and we would hate for us to miss your urgent call.

Updates on patients and photos for descriptions are very welcome and we assure you our Vets will see them but not necessarily immediately.

If you need urgent advice or need to make a booking please call the Clinics on 5232 2111 for Colac and 5594 3257 for Simpson,

2018 AFL Footy Tipping Competition Results after Week 3:

1. Alan	19
2. Simone	18
3. Emma	18
4. Scott W	18
5. Bob	18

