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Newsletter

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Hills Feline Individual Sachets

This new range includes sachets for:

- cats on prescription c/d, k/d, i/d diets
- cats that need hairball relief
- our aged cats over 11 years of age
- the middle age cats over 7 years of age
- the regular healthy cats
- the new kitten in your life



Purchase any 2 sachets of the new Hills range and receive 1 sachet for free!

(whilst stocks last)



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



It is with great sadness that we recently farewellled Dr Jess. Jess has been with us at Rhodes Veterinary Clinic since her graduation and has now decided on a sea change. She has headed off to try something new. After a stint at being a western district representative for a pharmaceutical company she might take off to see how the other half of the world operates. We wish her well and hope that she finds her way back to Colac one day!

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:**

5232 2111

Pet Care and Welfare



Agriculture Victoria has a website that contains some handy information on your pets. The link is:
<http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/care-and-welfare/research/making-victoria-better-for-pets>

Scroll down and click on the individual species. Here you will find recommendations to meet your pet's welfare needs. Some even contain a quiz and some fun facts.

This could be especially useful if you are thinking of getting a new pet. This site will assist you to decide if this pet will be compatible with your current lifestyle and to confirm that you know exactly what you will need for this new companion.



RVC HAS NEW BANK DETAILS:

Bank of Melbourne

BSB: 193 879 ACCT: 441509064

Please amend your online payment details

Ready to Cycle?

It is time to get the cows cycling. You have reached for the magic bottle. The animals that respond to this injection have been primed and ready to go. Why is it that the rest of the herd has not responded?

Most likely it is not the fault of the injection but rather the problem lies with the cow/heifer. Is she in a declining condition score? If she is losing weight she will not have enough body fat to cycle AND give milk, walk, keep warm and all her other metabolic needs.

Look at your cows and try to isolate the animals that are losing weight. These cows should be milked separately from the herd and fed more complex starch and grains to help them switch their body score from negative to positive. Giving these cattle more energy (carbohydrates) will help them milk and cycle.

All the drugs in the world cannot get a cow to cycle if her condition score is not good enough!

