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Newsletter

Heat Stroke

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In these warm Summer months 'heat stroke' in our pets is something we need to consider. It usually occurs after exercise in hot and humid weather or when left inside a warm car.

Some breeds with altered facial structures such as bulldogs and pugs have an increased risk of developing heat stroke. This is because the changes to their face hinder their ability to pant and they cannot regulate their temperature effectively.

Things to look out for include:

Panting with difficulty breathing. There can be changes in the noise they make while breathing.

Depression, lethargy and disorientation

Seizures

Bright red/blue tinged gum colour

Bloody diarrhoea

Dark coloured urine



If you suspect your pet has heat stroke you can stand them under cold water for two minutes to completely wet their coat. Cool wet towels will also assist to reduce their temperature.

In severe cases please contact your vet for further advice.

Intravenous fluids are sometimes required to assist in the cooling of your pet and in severe cases medication is required to stop seizures.

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 & Friday
10am to 3pm
P: 03 5594 3257

Colac Office:

Our Colac Office is open
Monday to Friday
8am to 6pm
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**We are available 24/7
for emergencies.
Our emergency number
is:**

5232 2111

Fit'n'Flash Natural Fillet Range – new to RVC
Call in for a sample whilst stocks last



Chicken:

Made with human grade chicken breast fillets and containing a very low fat content of only 2-3%.

Dogs and cats love the taste and you can have the confidence that you are feeding the very best quality treat to your pet.

Suitable for dogs with pancreatitis problems or skin ailments.

Kangaroo:

Made with human grade, wild, free range kangaroo meat, and containing a very low fat content of approximately 1%.

Kangaroos live in the wild, and their diet consists of all natural greenery, with no chemical fertilisers or sprays.

Suitable for dogs with pancreatitis problems or skin ailments.

The flavour is 'gamey' which dogs and cats love.



Fish:

Made with human grade fish fillets, and containing a low fat content of approximately 4%

Suitable for dogs with pancreatitis problems or skin ailments.

Lamb Bites:

The lamb is nice and soft which makes it ideal for puppies and puppy training.

The fat content is approximately 6%.

