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Displaced Abomasums

As you all might have noticed it is very dry, to the point of being arid.

No kidding you say, so what is my point!

Dry weather relates to no green feed in the paddock. The cows are all coming up to calving and you need to be spot on with your transition feeding of the dry cows to calving to calved cows.

With no green feed the amount of bail fed increases to compensate. A young animal will then calve and if she has not had enough fibre/roughage in her diet she will come into the dairy and attack the bail feed. This feed will pass quickly from the rumen into the omasum and then onto the abomasum (stomach). In the abomasum 7 to 14kg of digesting grain is swinging side to side. The rumen, when full, will stop this from happening but as we are low in paddock feed the rumen is relatively empty and so the pendulum motion of the abomasum occurs and finally swings so far that it becomes trapped on the left (Left displaced abomasum) or right (Right displaced abomasum) side of the cow.

This usually occurs within 7 to 10 days after calving and often in the heifers or younger cows.

To prevent this from occurring, start feeding small amounts of bail feed in the first few days of milking. DO not dump 7 to 10kg in front of them and hope all will be fine.

Dry years equate to more displaced abomasums which make me busy and your cows miserable!

We provide:

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

Simpson Office:

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

Our Colac Office is open
Monday to Friday
8am to 6pm
Saturday 9am to 12 noon
Sunday 11am to 12 noon

We are available 24/7 for emergencies.

Our emergency number is:

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Lumps / Tumours

We often see pets for investigation of lumps that have appeared.

Lumps can be due to infection, scar tissue or may be tumours.

The tumours may be benign or malignant. Benign tumours are usually confined to one area and once removed usually don't grow back or spread elsewhere in the body.

From a physical examination we can often determine whether a lump needs to be removed. An assessment is made judged on the animal's age, the size of the lump, the location of the lump and how rapidly it is growing.

Lumps in the mammary area and rapidly growing lumps and firm feeling lumps are best removed as soon as possible. Sometimes it is useful to send these samples off to the laboratory for assessment.

Many old dogs develop warts, cysts and fatty lumps that do not need removing unless they are in an area that is causing discomfort for the dog.

At your next visit please don't hesitate to show us any lumps that you have noticed on your pet so we can help with the appropriate course of action.



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Purchase a Rogz Dog Collar this month and receive a cute posh charm for free (value \$4.95).

The charms can be put onto your dogs' collar or onto your key ring!



Footy is back!

Thank you to everyone who has joined our Football Tipping and we welcome many new faces this season. Good luck to all!



We have just completed Round 2 of the AFL season. Three people received a perfect score of 9 this week... well done!

Our current ladder leader is Josh sitting on 14 Points! Congratulations.