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Heart Disease

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Heart problems are relatively common in older pets. Many of these problems can be managed with medications.

As part of a regular check up your pet will have his/her heart examined. The most common problem we hear is leaking heart valves. In the early stages a small heart murmur may be heard.

As the condition progresses the murmur gets more obvious and sometimes a vibration can be felt over the ribs. Leaking heart valves can result in an accumulation of fluid on the chest. This often causes coughing.

Owners may also notice that their pet has exercise intolerance, is sleeping more or just seems to have slowed down lately.

Treatment usually involves medications to alleviate fluid on the chest and to help the heart pump more regularly.

Small dogs with heart problems usually have a good long term prognosis with medications.

Unfortunately treatment of larger dogs with heart problems is often not as successful.

If your older pet is coughing or has slowed down lately please visit for a check of his/her heart.



Mike, Cate, Cindy, Kirsty, Lauren, Christine and Kim wish all our valued clients a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!!

- 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

Clinic Hours:

Simpson Office:
Our Simpson Office is open
Monday to Friday
10am to 3pm
P: 03 5594 3257
F: 03 5594 3339

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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New Vaccine!!

Hooray..... It is finally here after some 10 to 12 years in the making.

WTF did I hear you say.. Why am I jumping for joy?

The troubles with dying and diseased calves will be reduced and hopefully stopped cold. No more shitty, wasting, slowly dying or rapidly dying calves.

This is the new calf vaccine, given via the cow, that will really give you bang for your buck!

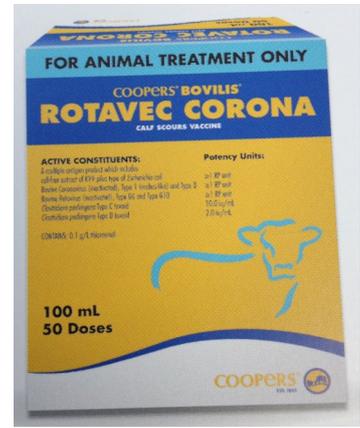
It is expected to be released within the next month. We will send out a big IT'S HERE via our website and Facebook page when we receive supply.

So what is it I hear you say....

It is a vaccine against E.Coli, Rotavirus and Corona virus

These are the biggest causes of death in calves. Acute diarrhoea at 3 to 10 days of age and then death.

You vaccinate the cow at dry off and then again at approximately one month later and you then have colostrum with the lot! You just have to get the colostrum into the new born calf...easy as pie!



We hope to hold a famer's discussion night to provide you with all the information on this vaccine in the new year. Please advise us if you would like to attend.

We will advertise the date as soon as it is set!



Decorate your pets ready for Christmas to enter our competition!

Photos must be received by Wednesday, 19th December. You can submit photos to the Clinics or via email



Christmas Public Holidays

Our Clinics will be closed only for the Public Holidays Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

