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Newsletter

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Nutritional Management of Chronic Kidney Disease in Cats

Once your cat has reached 7 years of age it is more likely to start Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).

The clinical signs of CKD in our cats include increased thirst / urination, reduced appetite / weight loss, vomiting and lethargy / depression.

When CKD is occurring the cat is unable to excrete the phosphate and so it increases in its system. This high level causes the kidneys to progressively fail.

In addition to medication the most proven general treatment for CKD is feeding a specifically formulated renal diet. These diets are aimed at reducing the amount of phosphate in the diet. When selecting a diet it should be high in protein and low in phosphate. Feeding Omega 3 in addition will potentiate anti inflammatory effects and help with the renal blood flow.

When medicating a cat with CKD it is preferable to use a liquid preparation to avoid the fight of tableting! Medicating your cat at a time that is not feed time will also stop the association of feed time with the trauma of delivering the required meds. We need our CKD cats to eat and we do not want them to be scared of meal times.

There are 4 stages of the renal disease and we are able to advise you as to what stage your cat may be at with regular blood /urine tests. The rate of progression of renal disease varies considerably between cats and appropriate support and treatment can both increase the quality of life of affected cats and also potentially slow down the progression of the disease.

If you have any concerns with your aged cat please make an appointment to discuss your thoughts with our Vets.

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
Saturday 9am to 12 noon
www.rhodesveterinaryclinic.com.au

**We are available 24/7
for emergencies.
Our emergency number
is:**

5232 2111

Simparica Flea Treatment

**Purchase any pack of Simparica
this month and you will receive
one extra month supply
for FREE!
(while stocks last)**



**Our new range of Fit'n'Flash
Natural Fillet treats is walking
out the door! Has your pet had
some yet?**

**We still have a few samples
left—pop in to grab one before
they go!**

**The palatable is amazing.
The range comes in Kangaroo,
Chicken and Fish.**

**They are suitable treats for
dogs with pancreatitis or skin
ailments because they have a
very low fat content of between
1 to 4%**



2019 AFL Footy is back next month....

**2018 was our biggest tipping year ever. We had a great group of
tippers who enjoyed a very close season!**

Well done to the eventual winners!

**If you would like to join us for our 2019 weekly AFL tipping
competition please let Cindy know.**

**Tips must be either emailed (cindy@rhodesvet.com.au), or delivered to the clinic
by 5pm on the day of the first game of each round.**

Tips will not be accepted by telephone.

**We will accept several entries from each house if more than one person wishes
to participate ... just ensure the tips are named.**

There is a small cost of \$1/round or \$23 for the season.

**As per other seasons we will have a small get together at the end of the season to
present the winning tippers with their rewards**