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Newsletter

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You Are Never Too Old?

A reminder that just because you may not see a disease for 30 years one must be on the look out when it does occur.

Lactating cows from a local farm had a chronic diarrhoea and developed swelling under the jaw.

They developed this over a period of weeks. They were being fed well but were losing weight at break neck speed.

Their ability to milk dropped significantly until they were not worth milking at all but no deaths!

Their gums, corner of the eyes and vulval lips were pale with a touch of yellow.

The heart rate was rapid and weak and the cows became wobbly in their gait.

What could it be? The penny dropped that the liver was being affected and this matched the and clinical signs...Liver fluke!!!! (WTF!)



A bulk milk sample was sent away and that came back with a positive for fluke.

So please keep this in the back of your mind if your animals start to show these signs.



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

We are available 24/7 for emergencies.

Our emergency number is:

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Diabetes in pets

Just like humans, pets too can suffer from diabetes. Most commonly it is secondary to being overweight. It is equally as common in dogs and cats.

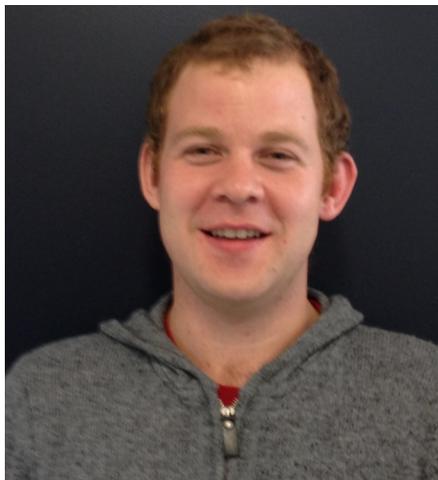


A pet with diabetes may exhibit some of the following signs: increased thirst/drinking, increased and frequent urination, weight loss, changes in appetite (initially increases then decreases), depression, vomiting and cataracts causing blindness.

The longer it is left untreated, the more complications that develop due to diabetes. Early diagnosis and management of diabetes can reduce further complications and improve your pet's life. Screening for diabetes is as simple as testing a urine sample for glucose or taking a small drop of blood.

Most diagnosed diabetic pets require twice daily insulin injections. The thought of doing the injection is often daunting for owners initially but they soon find that their pets cope very well and their well being improves dramatically once they start treatment.

The initial period of finding the right dose of insulin often requires a stay in hospital but thereafter a day visit every few months is usually enough to keep things running smoothly. With adequate treatment and monitoring a diabetic pet will usually have a full and active life.



We welcome Dr Andrew Stanley from Ireland who is here with us for the winter.

Andrew is from a dairy property in Laois, southern part of Ireland. His family milk cows and make award winning Rossmore Farmhouse ice-cream and frozen yoghurt from the milk.

He is travelling with his girlfriend Jenny, around our wonderful part of the world.

Andrew and Niall attended University together.



Footy Tipping!

We have just completed Round 9 of the AFL season.

Our current ladder leader is Josh sitting on 64 points. Consistent work Josh! Well Done!

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