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Newsletter

Anaemia

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Anaemia is a condition that we see often in pets. Anemic pets usually have noticeably pale gums. They are usually lethargic. Their blood has a low number of red blood cells. This means that the blood cannot carry as much oxygen and they become out of breath easily.

Causes of anaemia:

- Heavy burden of fleas or worms
- Poor diet (starvation)
- Onion poisoning
- Rat bait poisoning
- Autoimmune disease
- Liver or kidney failure
- Internal bleeding



Blood tests and careful questioning often help to determine the type of anaemia. Many types can be successfully treated with medications.

Regular blood testing is used to monitor recovery from anaemia.



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, Wednesday, 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:

5232 2111

Time to dry off

Teat Seal is a great product for reducing infection in the cow when she is calving. It stops infections such as Streptococcus Uberis or Corynebacterium from entering the teat when she is laying on the ground calving.

This product is brilliant if your calving pattern is extended past an 8 to 10 week dry off.

Teat Seal is NOT an antibiotic so when you use it you must be ultra clean when handling the mammary gland and teat.

It is also important that you ensure you keep the milk from the vat for 8 milkings post calving. Even though it is not an antibiotic it can alter the final product and put export orders under threat. So keep it out of your vat for the required time.

Once you use this product you will continue to use it as you will find that it is very useful in combating mastitis in the dry period.



Footy is back this month!

Join us in our weekly tipping competition for the AFL season which begins again soon!

Tips must be either emailed, faxed or delivered to the clinic by 5pm on the day of the first game of each round. If tips are not received by the closing time you will receive the week's lowest tipping result less one point. 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.

The leader board will be emailed out to participants weekly.

Please advise us ASAP if you wish to participate.

