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Newsletter

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Skin Care at Home

Skin problems and allergies in pets often require ongoing management at home.



Regular bathing and ear cleaning and other strategies often prevent more serious problems that require veterinary visits and medication.

Medicated shampoos are an important management tool for skin problems. Malaseb is a shampoo that is both antibacterial and anti-fungal. It is used for smelly or infected skin. It needs to be scrubbed on well to contact the skin then left to work for 10 minutes before rinsing off. Malaseb can be used twice weekly if needed.

Aloveen shampoo is mild and soothing for inflamed skin. It also has a leave in conditioner that smells great!



Flea shampoos can irritate dogs with skin problems and be quite drying. Pets with skin problems do best with the spot on type flea control such as Frontline, Advantage or Revolution or the tablet, Comfortis. Most pets with sensitive skin are also allergic to fleas so effective flea control is an important part of home management.



Many pets with skin problems also have ear problems. Regular ear cleaning every 1-2 weeks is important to prevent re-occurrence of ear infections. The Paws Gentle Ear Cleaner is an over the counter product that helps to dissolve the waxy discharge that usually occurs with yeast infections in the ears.

Allergies are often the cause of skin problems. Anti-histamine tablets are very safe and can be bought over the counter at the chemist. They can be used as an important tool to settle itchiness in pets. Omega oils and pet food formulated for allergic pets can also be helpful for pets with skin problems.

All skin consults this month will receive a free Shampoo sample

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, Wednesday, 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:**

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Large Animal Drug Cabinets

What is in your drug cabinet? Well might you ask!

We have all got unused drugs sitting in our secured drug box with the labels covered in cow faeces or just plain faded away and you have no clue as to what it is or what it is for?

Here is a refresher

HISTAMIL: this is a potent anti-histamine. It is used for fire fever. It is given IM and repeated 12 hours later.

MULTIVITAMIN B: Is given with anti-histamine to aid liver function. It is also a potent appetite stimulant.

PENICILLIN: Best to treat a foot abscess and ill thrift in cattle.

TRIBACTRAL: This drug is very good for animals with diarrhoea. It can be used in conjunction with intra-mammaries when a cow has mastitis. The should be discussed with your Vet before injecting mastitis cows.

OXYTET: This is very useful for cows with pneumonia. It also can be used with intra-mammaries.

SYNTOCIN: Used for cows that do not let their milk down. It should also be used for ALL cows with mastitis to aid in removing milk from the infected quarter.

Footy is back next month!



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

Tips must be either emailed (cindy@rhodesvet.com.au) faxed (5231 5892) 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 is you wish to participate.