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## Snakebite

We have already had our first few cases of snake bite for this season. Be aware of the potential for snake bite on warm days. Do not wait for your pet to show signs before contacting the vet clinic. Timely treatment is the key to survival.

The dog we treated last week did not show signs for over half an hour. By this stage he had already arrived at the clinic. He was administered anti-venene soon after and made a rapid recovery, going home later the same day and is reported to be doing well.

Dogs usually show symptoms within ten minutes. They often vomit then become progressively more unsteady on their feet. Dogs usually require intravenous treatment with anti-venene and several days hospitalisation. In some cases symptoms may not show up for several hours depending on where they have been bitten and the dose of venom.

Cats often don't show symptoms for up to 24 hours later. They are surprisingly resilient. Owners will notice the cat seems a bit floppy or has a strange meow. Most cats will have dilated (large) pupils. Most cats will survive without anti-venene but need supportive intravenous drip and hospitalisation for several days.

Please be aware that there are no effective "home remedies" such as Vitamin C, for snake bite.

Rapid Veterinary attention is essential to give the best chance for survival.



### We provide:

- Surgery & Medicine for small and large animals
- 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 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

Our emergency number is:

**5232 2111**

We are available 24/7 for emergencies.

# NOW... not later

Spring Has hit us with a vengeance with cold, wet and windy weather! Why would you think about vaccinating your animals for pink eye? Let's leave it until the weather fines up... HELL NO!!

This vaccine should be given 3 to 6 weeks prior to the onset of pinkeye season. So how come I know when that is ...you may well ask!

When the cold showers stop the sun peaks out and instantly we have buzzing flies hanging around.

Pink eye is caused by the bacterium *Moraxella bovis* (M.bovis). This bacterium is transmitted by flies. They tend to land in the corner of the eye where a tear is forming. The fly then leaves the bacteria in the tear and this spreads across the eye where it resides and begins to eat away and damage the surface of the eye. We see this as a white spot and weeping of the eye.

It is really important for your young and older animals to have their immune systems up and running to enable them to deal with the bacteria as soon as it contacts the eye. If you wait until you get pink eye then you have been too late to stop a spread though your animals eyes.

Summing up it is NOW time to use your Piliguard!



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