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Newsletter

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Should you pluck your dog's ears?

Ears with significant amounts of hair should be plucked out routinely every 6 weeks. This way one can reduce the rate of infection and ear crud build up easily.

Plucking the hair removes the inevitable build up of wax and debris. It allows the ear canal to breathe and therefore keeps the ear drier.

It is the warm, dark, moist environment of the hairy ear canal that contributes to ear infections.

70% of all ear infections are caused by a yeast called Malassezia Pachydermatis. The other 30% of infection is caused by a Staph bacteria.

Common factors leading to ear infections:

- Hair in ears
- Floppy ear flaps
- Naturally tight ear canals
- Water in the ear
- Warm, moist environment



Keep plucking your dog's ears to reduce your chance of ear infections

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



**WE WILL BE CLOSED
TUESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER
For the MELBOURNE CUP HOLIDAY
Call 5232 2111 for EMERGENCIES**

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

Vaccination Reminder:

Christmas holidays are not far away now. If you are planning to go away and your pets are heading to boarding kennels you need to ensure that they have a current vaccination certificate. Many pets are due for their annual vaccination around this time of the year so please check that your pet is up to date. If the vaccination is due please call the Clinic to book a consultation. Not only do we vaccinate your pet at this time but we also complete a health check.



Flea Treatment Reminder:

As the weather warms up the fleas become more active. If you are not a person who regularly treats your pets for fleas all year round now is the time to give your pets relief from these blood sucking parasites!

We have extended our 20% discount this month on all flea treatments so please take advantage of this deal and purchase your summer supplies.



Worm Treatment Reminder:

We must routinely worm our pets every 3 months. We have added a new brand of wormer to our shelves and this one is very reasonably priced. All we need is a rough guide to your pet's weight and we can provide you with the correct dosage.



We changed bank details in July 2018. Some clients are still using the CBA details. If you have not changed your internet banking details please do so. Thank you!



Rhodes Veterinary Clinic Bank details:

Bank of Melbourne

BSB: 193 879 ACCT: 441509064

PLEASE add your Client number /Name to your payment to ensure we apply it to the correct account