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# Rhodes Vet Clinic

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## ACL

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Nic Naitanui, a West Coast Eagles AFL player has torn his ACL twice. One ruptured last year and that prevented him playing for a whole year. On the 14th July 2018 he ruptured his other ACL, season over!

ACL = anterior cruciate ligament. All dogs and cats have this ligament. They can also rupture this ligament in their knees.

Often a dog will come in to see us with a non weight bearing lameness. It shows no pain, just lame. The dog seems to be able to run but is not able to jump up on to the ute/bed / couch and often has trouble climbing stairs.

Sometimes the owner has heard the dog voice when the injury occurs. Often it is one small bark / noise / squeak and then the dog is instantly lame.

This is the classic diagnosis of a ruptured / torn ACL.

It does not go away with rest or medication. Only surgery will repair it.

For the cruciate to heal post surgery the pet owner must be diligent with the after care. This means very strict caged rest, short walks on lead etc for at least 6 weeks to allow the mending. Remember a footy player has 12 months off!



### 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

### Hills Feline Individual Sachets

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**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  
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**We are available 24/7  
for emergencies.  
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# Spring Time Bloat

Spring time has arrived! This means new rapid growth in pastures and crops.

This brings milk to the cows but also brings along many related problems in our cattle. One of which is bloat. We have seen a couple of these already.



There are two main types of bloat that affect the cattle in this area.



One is gaseous bloat. This is when the cow is unable to burp to remove the pressure building up inside the rumen. The gas is easily removed via a needle that is placed into the left side of the cow. Gas will rush out. The other method to remove gaseous bloat is put some dishwashing detergent down the throat of the cow.

The second main bloat we see is called stable foam bloat. The cow presents all blown up but when a needle is inserted into the left side little to no gas will come out. Instead of gas you will see a green foam like substance. A cow with stable foam bloat requires immediate surgery to open the rumen and we physically flush the rumen contents out. If surgery is not done the cow will die.

It is great to have green grass but please ensure your cattle have adequate roughage on hand. This will reduce the chances of bloat.



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