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Large Animal Vaccinations

The rain has continued to fall and the growth in the grasses is great! So what you say?

These are ideal conditions for Clostridium to flourish. Have you vaccinated your cows / sheep?

Most farmers get at least one vaccination into their young animals and then the follow up booster injection is missed. To fully vaccinate your young animals is really important

When you start to move stock you may see random, sudden deaths.

REMEMBER: Black leg is a killer! Pulp kidney is a killer! Tetanus is a killer!

Please do not forget your young stock - Get out there and vaccinate them. This includes your yearlings and heifers.

Adult cattle will require a 7 in 1 vaccination booster at dry off time. This will give up to 16 weeks maternal protection from the colostrum to their new born calves

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 & 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.
Our emergency number
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Desexing of Larger Breeds of Dogs



A research by the UK Royal Veterinary College has revealed that neutering some breeds of dogs under six months of age may be more prone to early onset urinary incontinence than other breeds. Urinary incontinence affects around 3% of bitches. This study collected data from the clinical records of over 72,000 bitches

There are many benefits to neuter a bitch but this study suggests that early age neuter should be carefully considered in the higher risk breeds which include Hungarian vizslas, Dobermans and Weimaraners and bitches over 30kg.

(from The Veterinarian, Oct 2019)

NOTE: There is a very interesting article but remember that this only affects 3% of large breed bitches. This means that almost all other bitches are better spayed before six months of age. Young dogs are far easier to neuter. They recover faster and have far less post surgery complications.



Flea Treatment Loyalty Cards



Rhodes Veterinary Clinic together with Zoetis Australia are able to offer a bonus when you purchase either Revolution Plus for cats or Simparica for dogs.

For every 12 doses you purchase you will receive 3 extra doses FREE.

This is a great time of the year to purchase your flea treatments for the upcoming warmer months.

Mike, Cindy, Kirsty, Kay, Leanne and Diane would like to wish all our valued clients and their pets a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We thank you for your patronage and look forward to 2020

The Clinic will be closed only for the Public Holidays....

Wednesday, 25th December - Christmas Day

Thursday, 26th December - Boxing Day

Wednesday, 1st January - New Year's Day



Goodbye!

We said goodbye to Dr Peter last month. Peter, Aimee and their dog Maverick have headed back home to Perth. I am sure the weather will be much better than here!