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Newsletter

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Grass Seeds

The grass is tall and maturing and with this comes the dreaded grass seed. These seeds love to cling to our pet's fur and due to their shape work their way into nooks and crannies, burying under the skin. They can migrate a long way into the body causing major headaches, infections and health problems. They have been found inside internal organs. Commonly we see grass seeds getting caught between the toes, down the ears, in the groin and arm pits, under the eye lid and around the penis and vagina.

Removing grass seeds can be a simple or a complicated affair (hence the headache). If they are in the fur we can just use clippers to cut them out. Under the skin however we have to go searching with special forceps. (The term needle in a hay stack is often used in this situation). Obviously the earlier we get a chance at removing the seed the better as they won't have had a chance to track too far into the body and are easier to find.

Prevention involves clipping feet and ears to stop the seeds getting a purchase and routinely checking over your pet for grass seeds. This should be done even if your pet isn't on a property or walking through tall grass as these seeds are pesky and get everywhere.

We provide:

- Surgery & Medicine for small and large animals
- Herd Health Advice
- Cattle Pregnancy Testing
- Bull Fertility Testing
- Lameness in Cattle
- Equine Consults
- Soft Tissue & Orthopaedic Surgery
- Dentistry
- Digital X-ray
- Ultrasound
- In House Blood Testing
- Nutrition



2021
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Simpson Office:

Please call 5232 2111
Orders will
be delivered to the
Simpson Clinic daily

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:**

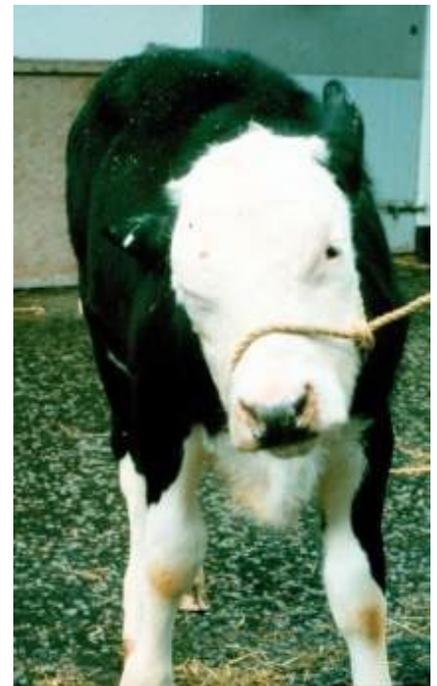
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Bovine Vestibular disease

Why is my cow walking funny? Is she drunk? Sore on one foot?
Going round in circles? Is he blind?

Vestibular disease can be seen in many species of animals, including cattle. Cattle will be seen with a head tilt (holding one side of the head higher than the other), possibly with incoordination and moving in circles. This is due to an ear infection causing their balance to be off. Contrary to what you would expect this infection isn't caused by a bug traveling down the ear, but a bug traveling through the body into the middle ear (behind the ear drum).

Other diseases like listeriosis, PEM (B1 Disease), encephalitis and nervous ketosis can cause similar signs in cattle.



Don't forget to scan the QR code on the bench each time you make a purchase this month to be in with a chance to win the \$1000 a day, just for shopping locally

Please ask our staff for assistance if you are unsure how to do this.

Pet Christmas Gifts are available

We have gift wrapped some Fit'n'Flash treats ready for you to place under the tree for that special 4 legged friend.

10% off normal price—whilst stocks last



Mike, Jess, Shaun, Fiona, Leigh, Cindy, Kirsty, Kay and Kylie 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 throughout a very tough 2020 and very much look forward to a healthy and prosperous 2021

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

Friday, 25th December - Christmas Day

Monday, 28th December - Boxing Day

Friday, 1st January - New Year's Day

**We will be available on 5232 2111
for any emergencies.**

