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Newsletter

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Worms

It has been a very mild summer, a wet and growing autumn and a good start to winter.

This has added up to a lot of pasture for a long time. Great not to have to feed out a lot of fodder over summer. Cows and sheep are looking good and suddenly at the start of June the young cattle and sheep are not doing so well. They are being fed but not gaining weight.

A number of sheep are listless, lying down and dying. The younger steers and alpacas are unable to stand and are struggling.

A common feature to the all is a rather large pool of faeces behind the animal. Some are showing signs of anaemia, their gums are very white and they are very weak in their muscle tone.

My first question is to my client is .. When did you last worm this animal and what type of drench did you use?. We would usually take a faecal sample and perform a faecal egg count. I like the results to be at 100 eggs per gram or less. This indicates a low worm burden. Our recent results are more like 1500 eggs per gram and upwards to above 8000 ... I stop counting!

The top two worms out there doing the damage are Barber's Pole for sheep (*Haemonchus contortus*) and Ostertagia for cattle (Brown stomach worm)

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



ANIMAL FUN FACTS:

- Puppies are born deaf
- Crickets have ears on the front legs
- Cows have best friends and become stressed when they are separated
- Rabbits teeth never stop growing
- Dogs prefer to poop in alignment with the earth's magnetic field

Simpson Office:

Please call 5232 2111

Colac Office:

Our Colac Office is open

Monday to Friday

8am to 6pm

Saturday 9am to 12 noon

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**We are available 24/7
for emergencies.
Our emergency number
is:**

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Cat Flu

“Cat flu” is not caused by the same virus that causes human flu. 90% of cases are caused by Feline Herpesvirus 1 and Feline Calicivirus. These two viruses make up the core feline vaccination (F3) with the other being Feline Parvovirus. Vaccination does not give 100% protection, but it does reduce the severity of the infection once the cat has caught the virus.

Cat flu can be spread by 3 different ways

- Directly from infected cats
- In the environment and objects
- Carrier cats – cats that have previously been infected and have recovered



Once a cat has caught “Cat flu” it will have it for the remainder of its life. It flares up during times of stress, such as nursing kittens, pregnancy, conflicts between cats, too much affection and sudden changes in environment (i.e. household and weather).

Cat flu cats display the following signs: sneezing, inappetence, nasal discharge, conjunctivitis, and occasional drooling.

It is managed by keeping nostrils and eyes clean because cats rely on their sense of smell to eat and if they can not smell they will not eat. Also, by keeping them warm, offering aromatic foods, fluids, airway humidification and antibiotics (due to secondary bacterial infections).

Pet Exchange Register Update

If you advertise a puppy, kitten, dog or cat for sale or to give away in Victoria, you will need a source number from the Pet Exchange Register. This source number must be displayed on all your advertisements, including social media, along with each animal’s microchip number.

The source number of the breeder of any dog or cat, or the source number of the council pound, animal shelter, pet shop or foster carer that owns the animal is required when implanting a microchip into a dog or cat born after 1 July 2020.

A source number is valid for one year and can be renewed annually for as long as you need it.

From 1 July 2021, an annual fee of \$22.50 applies.

For more information about the Pet Exchange Register please visit the [Animal Welfare Victoria website](#).

2021 RVC AFL Ladder at the end of Round 16:

1.	Tim	94	7.	Janine	92
2.	Cindy	94	8.	Shannon	92
3.	Sharyn	93	9.	Scott	92
4.	Ellis	93	10.	Kosta	91

