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# Rhodes Vet Clinic



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## A Wet Summer

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Yes it is time to say it yet again, WORMS! Usually we have a long hot summer, not a humid wet one. This type of weather is absolutely fantastic for the survival of worms on pasture.

In mild weather, the eggs are not desiccated and so remain inactive. Worm eggs are passed from the adult & weaner animals by faecal oral transmission. The defecated eggs that lay in the ground are then consumed by grazing animals. Once ingested from the ground they pass into the gut and hatch. This begins the life cycle of the worm. The worms go from eggs to larvae to adults (that lay more eggs) thus continuing the life cycle of the worm.

This year we have had a massive increase in our faecal egg counts. During the warmer months we usually see faecal egg counts in the 100's. This season they have been in the 1000's resulting in many sick and dying animals.

The simplest way to monitor for worms in your animals is with a faecal egg count. We can then let you, the farmer, know what type of worm burden you have and advise on what type of drench you should use and how often you will need to drench the infected animals.

Management of pasture and stock is important to reduce the contamination of your farm before the winter period. Harrowing your paddocks can help break up the faecal clumps and expose the eggs to the elements, which helps kill them. Moving stock to clean paddocks will also reduce faecal contamination.



### **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



- Guinea pigs are active for 20hrs a day.
- When excited, guinea pigs do little hops in the air also known as popcorning.
- Baby Guinea pigs are called pups.
- Guinea Pigs have an odd number of toes, four on the front toes & 3 on the back.
- Guinea pigs communicate through a series of squeaks, chirps and purrs.

### **Simpson Office:**

Please call 5232 2111

[www.rhodesveterinaryclinic.com.au](http://www.rhodesveterinaryclinic.com.au)

### **Colac Office:**

Monday to Friday

8am to 6pm

Saturday 9am to 12 noon

**We are available 24/7  
for emergencies.**

**Our emergency number  
is: 5232 2111**

## Feline Hyperthyroidism

Hyperthyroidism can affect cats from as young as 4 years of age. In the majority of cats it is due to a functional adenoma or adenomatous hyperplasia (benign tumour).

A cat with hyperthyroidism may have the following signs; weight loss, always hungry, unkempt coat, increase urinating and drinking, abnormal behaviour, vomiting and diarrhoea.

A hyperthyroidism diagnosis is confirmed with a blood test. During this blood test we also check to see how the liver and kidneys are functioning.

Cats with hyperthyroidism will require life long medication, which inhibits the thyroid from producing excessive thyroid hormones. This comes in two forms, oral or transdermal. An owner must consider the costs and the practical aspects of life long medicating their cats.

Once the hormones are balanced, a Hills Y/D diet (Iodine deficient diet) can be fed exclusively to manage your cat. However there is no data on the long term effects of nutritionally trying to manage hyperthyroidism through diet.

For cats that have become hormonally balanced on their medication for an extended amount of time, there is the option of specialist surgery and radiation treatments. However, considerations such as cat's age, renal, liver and cardiac function must be factored in.



## Pet Cremation

Did you know we offer cremation for your beloved pets?

The BIO Urns is one of the many options available for the ashes to be returned in.

The BIO Urns is a beautiful way to cherish the memory of your pet. Simply plant the seed of your favorite plant in the top of the urn and watch as the ashes of your pet grows into a beautiful piece of nature.



Zip now, pay later **ZIP**

We accept ZIP pay as a form of payment for your veterinary costs



## Footy Tipping Ladder

At the end of round 3

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| 1. Ms Sugar | 5. Chris |
| 2. Amanda   | 6. Wendy |
| 3. Josh     | 7. Glenn |
| 4. Peter    | 8. Cindy |



We welcome Amanda Fisk a qualified Vet Nurse to our RVC team.

With her enthusiasm and passion for the veterinary industry, she is an exciting new addition.



From everyone here at RVC we hope you all a happy and safe Easter.



## Easter Trading Hours

Thursday 14th - 8am-6pm

Good Friday - CLOSED

Easter Saturday - 9-12noon

Easter Sunday - CLOSED

Easter Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday 19th - 8am-6pm