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Newsletter

Selenium Deficiency

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With prolonged wet winters there comes a problem with loss of nutrients leaching from the soil, so the pastures are lacking in selenium. Selenium is a very important mineral to have in young growing animals. However, not so much in mature cattle.

Selenium is so important for young growing animals as it is essential in helping cells divide as well to strengthen the immune system.

It is very obvious when selenium deficiency is the problem in our calves and lambs. Animals with a selenium deficiency usually present stunted and have pot bellies. These animals look as if they are in need of drenching, but in actual fact, they require selenium.

Selenium can be given as an injection or as an oral drench. There are also additives that can be put into the feed.

It is important that you do not give too much as over use of selenium can injure or even kill the animal.

Most of the selenium preparators also have copper and cobalt. These two extra minerals will help the selenium to do its job. The cobalt (B12) helps with the development of red blood cells, while copper is good for wool growth and skin health.



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



- A group of owls is called a parliament.
- Barn Owls swallow their prey whole—skin, bones, and all—and they eat up to 1,000 mice each year.
- Owls' heads have a 270-degree range of motion.
- Owls do not have eyeballs. They have something more like eye tubes, held in place by ridged rings in the skull. This interesting feature means that owls can't really move or roll their eyes.

Simpson Office:

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Monday to Friday

8am to 6pm

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

**Our emergency number
is: 5232 2111**

Dental Awareness

August is celebrated as the Australian Veterinarian Association Pet Dental Health Month. 80% of cats and dogs over 3 years old will have some sort of dental disease which becomes more severe with age. Dental disease can lead to serious problems that can affect the heart, liver and kidneys. Dental disease and mouth pain can affect a pet's quality of life, appetite, behavior and general wellbeing.

Common signs that can indicate dental disease in your pet, include bad breath, drooling, loss of appetite, pawing at the mouth, mouth hanging open with their tongue out, using one side of the mouth, dropping food while chewing, build-up of plaque and stains on teeth & red swollen gums.



Every year when your pet comes in to see us for their annual health check and vaccination, we examine their teeth and gums to assess their health. It is the equivalent of you visiting the dentist once every seven years.

All dental procedures are done under a general anaesthetic and will require your pet to stay for the day.

There are additional things you can do at home to keep your pet's teeth and gums nice and clean:

- Dental Chews, designed to be chewed over several minutes and contain a compound (delmopinol) which forms a barrier stopping bacteria attaching to the teeth.
- Raw bones should be used with caution as they can be associated with fractured teeth or gastrointestinal problems. Never feed cooked bones to your pet.
- Toothbrushing, using a specially designed toothbrush in combination with pet toothpaste. Human toothpaste is not safe for pets.
- Dental diets act as an edible toothbrush, and are clinically proven to reduce gingivitis, stains, plaque and tartar accumulation.



To celebrate dental month our nurses are offering free dental check ups

Call the Clinic to book a time with Kirsty or Amanda



 Footy Tipping Ladder

At the end of round 19

1. Sharyn - 119
2. Ray - 116
3. Josh - 115
4. Wendy - 114
5. Ms Sugar - 114
6. Emma - 114
7. Kylie - 113
8. Cindy - 112

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LUCK!

Earlier this month we farewelled Dr Alyce.

We wish her all the best.