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Weeds In Paddocks

With the reduced amount of feed out in the paddocks, cattle may try or are forced to gorge on unwanted species of fodders. Cattle feeding on weeds such as rag wort, lantara, Heliotrope, Paterson Curse etc. can cause a problems as they contain hepatotoxic substances, that can damage the liver.



This can lead to cows showing signs of fire fever and/or central nervous system problems where cows may become staggery.



Plants such as bracken fern causes problems with cows clotting mechanism. Cows and calves that have ingested bracken fern can bleed out and die from blood loss.

It is important to have good roughage available and avoid paddocks with high amount of weeds in them.

Remember to also look at the info sheets on weed killing sprays and ensure that your cattle do not have access into paddocks before the withhold periods, as this can also result in health problems in your herd.

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

HAPPY EASTER

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

Easter Trading Hours

Thursday 6th - 8am-6pm

Good Friday - CLOSED

Easter Saturday - 9-12noon

Easter Sunday - CLOSED

Easter Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday 11th - 8am-6pm



Simpson Office:

Please call 5232 2111

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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**

Please Vaccinate Your Puppies & Dogs

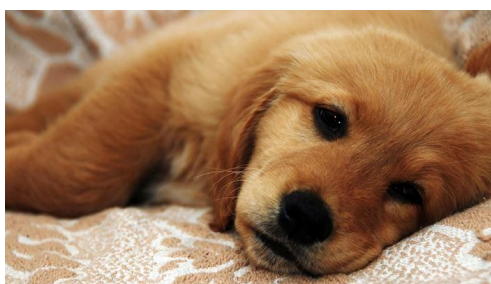
With a number of reported cases of Canine Parvovirus in the Colac area recently, it is important to remind everyone of the importance of keeping your pets vaccinations up to date.

Vaccines are medications designed to stimulate the body's immune system to produce disease-fighting antibodies to help protect against disease. Dogs should be vaccinated to help protect them from many highly contagious and infectious diseases. When puppies are born, mothers pass on some immunity to their puppies through colostrum in their milk, but this protection is only temporary and the best way to ensure a long and happy life for your dog is to help provide protection with vaccination against common diseases.



In most cases, puppies will receive three vaccinations, 4 weeks apart, starting at 6-8 weeks of age with a C3 vaccination. Then at 10-12 weeks they'll receive a C5 vaccination and again at 14-16 weeks, with an annual booster every 12 months.

The C3 Vaccinations cover three types of Canine viral infections. Firstly, Parvovirus. Parvovirus is a severe and highly contagious disease that affects dogs of all ages, but most severe in young puppies. Parvovirus is spread through contact with faeces from an infected dog or contaminated soil it can also be spread on contaminated footwear and other objects, so people can transmit the disease even if their dog doesn't leave the house. Parvovirus attacks the gastrointestinal tract and other organs resulting in symptoms of vomiting, bloody diarrhoea and severe abdominal pain. Parvovirus can turn fatal very quickly with infected puppies and dogs dying within 24 hours of symptoms presenting. Parvovirus is robust and can stay in the environment for over a year.



Hepatitis, Hepatitis is also highly infectious disease that affects dogs of all ages but is also most severe in young puppies. It is spread through ingestion of infected urine, faeces or saliva. Dogs can remain infectious and continue spreading the disease for months after recovery. Dogs with hepatitis show signs of fever, lack of appetite, diarrhoea, abdominal pain due to enlarged liver, jaundice and eye lesions. Infected puppies and dogs can die within a few hours of onset of clinical signs.

Another highly contagious and fatal disease we vaccinate against is Distemper. Distemper is spread by inhalation of secretions from an infected dog and from contaminated dust. After several weeks, disease can progress to skin reactions, muscle spasms and convulsions. Symptoms of distemper include fever, discharge from the eyes and nose, respiratory problems, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhoea.

The C5 vaccination covers these virus's as well as the two most common strains of Kennel Cough also known as Canine Cough, as it is not only spread through boarding kennels. Kennel Cough is a highly contagious and very common respiratory disease caused mainly by Canine Parainfluenza Virus and Bordetella Bronchiseptica. It is spread by close contact with secretions from an infected dog commonly spread where groups of dogs meet including dog parks. Symptoms include a harsh, dry hacking cough that may persist for several weeks, conjunctivitis, tonsillitis and a nasal discharge.



Footy Tipping Ladder

At the end of round 3

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| 1. Glenn (18) | 3. Liz (17) | 5. Karen (17) |
| 2. Sharyn (18) | 4. Charlie T (17) | 6. Shannon (17) |

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