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Newsletter

Grass Tetany

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Attention all cow and sheep owners.

We started spring at the end of August and with that we need to be aware of the grass that is growing. With grass growth comes low to no magnesium.



No magnesium can result in grass tetany where the animal may start to show odd behaviour. They may become aggressive, ataxic (wobbly), salivate and have increased eye blinking. They may become recumbent (on the ground) and not be able to stand. At this point the cow may go into a full bodied seizure which can result in death.



Prevention is always better than the cure. Having a source of magnesium is important to reduce the risk of grass tetany. This can be provided by licks, epon salts or causmag. Causmag can be dusted on the paddock if you are strip grazing. Epon salts can be put onto hay at 40gm per cow per day or mixed with molasses and poured over the hay. This will help with the prevention of grass tetany.

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

DID YOU KNOW?



- Green turtles can hold their breath for as long as five hours. To do this, they slow their heart rate to up to nine minutes in between heart beats to conserve oxygen!
- Green Turtles travel enormous distances and are excellent navigators, using sunlight and temperature to determine direction. These unique turtles have brains that work like magnetic compasses, sensing the Earth's magnetic field and using it to return to old nesting and foraging grounds from thousands of kilometres away.

Simpson Office:

Please call 5232 2111

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Colac Office:

Monday to Friday

8am to 6pm
Saturday 9am to 12 noon

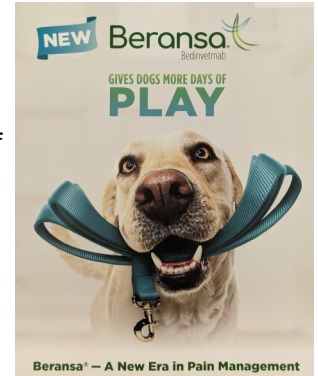
**We are available 24/7
for emergencies.**

**Our emergency number
is: 5232 2111**

Beransa: Arthritis Injection

Arthritis is a condition that leads to pain and progressive degeneration of the joint. It can affect many aspects of a dog's life including causing limited mobility, painful joints and a poor quality of life. Signs can often be subtle and many dogs won't yelp, cry or vocalise the pain they are experiencing. It is therefore important to look out for signs like limping, slowing down on walks, being slow to rise or having difficulty jumping. While many cases of arthritis occur in older, overweight and larger breed dogs, the condition can affect dogs of all sizes, ages and breeds. Many cases go undiagnosed because owners assume that slowing down is a natural symptom of getting older.

For many years, canine arthritis has lacked any major break through, despite the tremendous need for new therapies. Fortunately there is a new therapy available to help keep your dog comfortable and enjoying a good quality of life for as long as possible!



What is Beransa?

Beransa neutralises the nerve growth factor, which has been shown to be involved in the perception of pain. As an antibody that acts against the nerve agent, it is productive in reducing the inflammation of the joint spaces.

How Well Does It Work & How Quickly?

Already, we have seen some of our patients benefit greatly after starting Beransa. The evidence shows that after one week, around one in six dogs are showing benefit, which increases to one in two dogs after a month. However, it is important to note that with all arthritis treatments, you should stay as realistic as possible about its efficacy in each patient. Some dogs will receive insufficient benefit and need other arthritis remedies either together with or instead of Beransa.



Beransa Dosage & Frequency?

Beransa is usually given by a monthly subcutaneous injection. It comes in a variety of vial sizes to cater for dogs of different weights. It is generally recommended to try at least two doses before deciding whether it is effective in your pet.

How Much Does Beransa Cost?

Currently, the cost for a single injection of Beransa, including the consultation, is between \$130 and \$180 depending on the size of your dog. This is in the same pricing region as the higher price anti-inflammatory drugs.

Anyone who has an arthritic dog knows that we still aren't doing enough for them. The development of Beransa brings us just one step closer and just might give us more time to enjoy our lovely aging dogs.

If you would like to know more about how Beransa can help your dog, please give the clinic a call on 52 322 111 to make an appointment.

Reference: Zoetis Australia Pty Ltd.



RVC footy tipping competition results:

1st : Shannon - 149

2nd : Len - 146

3rd : Ms Sugar - 144

Second to last : Phillip - 102

Thank you to everyone who participated in our weekly AFL Footy Tipping competition.

See you all again in 2024