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Ultrasound Imaging

Introducing our new ultrasound machine that will enhance diagnostic precision in our Clinic

This is a state-of-the-art tool designed specifically for animal care. This advanced, purpose-built system is equipped to deliver clear, precise diagnostic images. This will allow our team to make faster and more accurate decisions for your pets.



It will assist us in:

- **Heart Disease Staging:** The ultrasound allows us to accurately assess and monitor heart conditions in pets, enabling early detection and effective management of heart disease.
- **Abdominal Imaging:** It can detect issues with the liver, intestines, or other organs. It provides detailed images of the abdominal area for better diagnoses and the treatment planning.
- **Kidney and Bladder Evaluation:** This ultrasound helps us closely examine the kidneys and the bladder for any abnormalities, which is critical for diagnosing and managing urinary issues.
- **Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) for Lymph Nodes & Lumps:** With its high-definition imaging, it assists in performing FNA's of lymph nodes and lumps to accurately identify the nature of masses in your pet.

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



Emergency Care Support: In urgent situations, this ultrasound can quickly obtain reliable images and allow us to rapidly assess trauma or internal injuries in your pets, ultimately enhancing our ability to deliver life saving care when every second counts.

We are committed to providing the best possible care for your pets. We will be able to have faster and more accurate diagnostic results and ultimately better outcomes.

Simpson Office:

Please call 5232 2111

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**

Clostridium

What is Clostridium, and how do you know when it is causing problems in your herd?

Clostridia are spore-forming bacteria that are often found in the soil and manure or in the feed that has been contaminated.

Soil contamination caused by clostridia can last through the winter. It can even last in the desert during heat and cold stress. The spores can last in the ground for up to 150 years.

Unlike many other disease-causing bacteria, clostridia are not contagious or passed from animal to animal.

These organisms are picked up from the ground and if animals aren't vaccinated they can then get infected when eating the pasture. Usually there is a history of animals being yarded for management reasons, eg: castrations of male animals or bruising when yarded. This allows the organisms to flourish and death occurs quickly.

It is possible for an animal to ingest clostridia and not be affected as spores can lay dormant in the intestine. Clostridia becomes pathogenic when something about the animal's diet, habitat or body changes. It can also occur if the animal eats too much starch or carbohydrates, or experiences a tissue injury, either internal or external.

These issues decrease the lack of oxygen within the tissue and this creates a favorable condition for the proliferation of this bacteria. **Prevention - Vaccination**



Have you checked out our website to find out a little about the Vets that care for your animals. You can find the stories of Mike, Ness, Caz & Ben here ... <https://rhodsveterinaryclinic.com.au/meet-our-vets>



Last chance to join in the fun of our RVC 2025 Footy Tipping! Tips must be in to Cindy at cindy@rhodsvet.com.au before the bounce of the ball this Friday, 7th March.



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