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Whether your horse is a performance athlete, a weekend trail companion, or a beloved pasture friend, proper veterinary care is essential to maintaining long-term health, comfort, and performance. Our clinic is proud to offer a full range of equine veterinary services designed to support horses at every stage of life. Preventive care is the foundation of good health, and we provide advice on vaccination programs, strategic deworming plans and annual wellness examinations to keep your horse protected year-round.

We offer lameness evaluations, at clinic diagnostic imaging such as digital radiography and ultrasound, and tailored treatment plans to address joint, tendon, and ligament concerns. Early detection and intervention are key to maintaining soundness. Our services also include pre-purchase examinations to provide peace of mind before investing in a new partner, as well as pregnancy diagnosis.

In addition to routine care, we provide medical evaluations for colic, respiratory conditions, skin disorders, metabolic diseases, and other health concerns. When emergencies arise, rapid assessment and treatment can make all the difference, and our team is equipped to respond with the skill and urgency your horse deserves. We also offer herd health consultations to ensure every horse under your care thrives.

Our goal is to build partnerships with horse owners through education, preventive medicine, and compassionate, high-quality veterinary care. If you have questions about your horse's health or would like to schedule a farm visit, please contact our clinic.

We look forward to helping your equine partner stay healthy, comfortable, and performing at their best.

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



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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**

What's new at the clinic – TPLO

Rhodes veterinary clinic is now offering TPLO surgery to fix your dogs knees. One of the most common orthopedic injuries we diagnose in dogs is a torn cranial cruciate ligament, which is similar to an ACL tear in people (the footballers injury).

Dogs with this injury often show sudden hind leg lameness, difficulty rising, reluctance to jump or exercise, swelling around the knee, or may sit with one leg extended to the side. Cruciate ligament tears can occur in dogs of any size but are especially common in active and larger breeds.

A highly successful surgical option for treating this condition is (Tibial Plateau Leveling Osteotomy). Rather than replacing the torn ligament, TPLO works by changing the angle of the tibia (shin bone) to stabilize the knee joint and eliminate the instability that causes pain and inflammation.

During surgery, performed under general anaesthesia, a curved cut is made in the tibia, the bone is rotated to a new position, and a specialised bone plate is placed to hold it securely while it heals. TPLO is often recommended because it provides strong, long-term joint stability, allows for an earlier return to weight-bearing, and has an excellent success rate, particularly for medium to large breed dogs. Most patients begin touching their toes to the ground within days of surgery. Recovery typically involves 8–12 weeks of controlled activity, pain management, and scheduled follow-up visits with repeat X-rays to monitor healing.

With proper post-operative care and rehabilitation, the majority of dogs return to normal or near-normal activity levels, including running, hiking, and playing. Early diagnosis and treatment significantly improve long-term comfort and joint health. If your dog is showing signs of lameness or knee pain, our team is here to guide you through diagnosis, treatment options, and recovery every step of the way.

Please contact our clinic to schedule an orthopedic consultation and help your pet get back to a comfortable, active life.



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