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VET CLINIC



Looking Ahead

We're always looking for ways to better support our patients and their families. One exciting idea we're exploring is introducing grooming services and puppy school to our clinic. These additional services would allow us to provide even more comprehensive care in one convenient location, helping support your pets' health, wellbeing, and development from an early age. We look forward to sharing more information with you as our plans progress.



We'd also like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to Mike and Cindy for your hard work, dedication, and support. Your contributions have made a lasting impact, and we truly appreciate everything you've done. Time to enjoy retirement.

As we thank Mike and Cindy for everything they have contributed to our clinic, we'd also like to congratulate Ben, who will be taking over from Mike, and Kirsty, who will be taking over from Cindy.

WE PROVIDE:

- Surgery & Medicine
- Herd Health Advice
- Pregnancy Testing
- Fertility Testing
- Lameness Consults
- Equine Consults
- Dentistry
- Digital X-ray
- Ultrasound
- Blood Testing
- Nutrition
- Soft Tissue & Orthopaedic Surgery

*We care for all creatures
great & small!*

Medication Reminder

Please pre-order your pets regular medication. Pets must visit one of our vets every 6 months for a health check.

Flamingo Facts

Flamingo chicks are born with grey feathers and only turn pink from pigments in their food

A group of flamingos is called a flamboyance

Flamingos can sleep while standing on one leg

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OUR TEAM

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Dr Caz Simpson
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Practice Manager:

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Nurses:

Amanda Fisk
Beth Callahan

Admin:

Megan Stewart

Clinic Hours:

Monday–Friday: 8 AM–6 PM
Saturday: 9 AM–12 PM
Sunday: Closed



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Veterinary Clinic



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EMERGENCY

Expert Emergency Care
for Large and Small
Animals, 24 Hours a Day,
7 Days a Week. Our
emergency phone number
is 03 5232 2111

Salmonella in Cattle

Early Detection and Prevention are Key



Salmonellosis is a significant bacterial disease of cattle caused by *Salmonella* strains and can affect animals of all ages, particularly young calves and stressed cattle.

Clinical signs range from mild illness to severe disease and commonly include fever, depression, loss of appetite, watery or bloody diarrhea, dehydration, reduced milk production, weight loss, and, in pregnant cows, abortion. In severe cases, the bacteria can spread beyond the intestinal tract, causing septicemia, pneumonia, or joint infections, which may result in death. Some cattle become subclinical carriers, shedding the bacteria in their faeces without showing obvious signs, making disease control challenging. Because these signs can resemble other enteric diseases, laboratory confirmation using faecal culture or PCR testing is recommended to accurately diagnose salmonellosis and guide appropriate treatment.

Treatment should be initiated promptly under veterinary guidance and primarily focuses on correcting dehydration with fluid and electrolyte therapy, providing supportive care, and using anti-inflammatory medications to reduce fever and improve comfort. Antibiotics may be indicated in severe or systemic infections but should be selected carefully based on veterinary advice and, where possible, bacterial culture and antimicrobial susceptibility testing.

Vaccination can help reduce the severity of disease and bacterial shedding in herds with a history of salmonellosis, although it does not provide complete protection and should be incorporated into a broader herd health program. Effective prevention relies on strong biosecurity practices, including isolating sick animals, quarantining new additions, maintaining clean feed and water sources, reducing stress, controlling rodents and wildlife, regularly cleaning and disinfecting housing, feeding equipment, and calving areas. Since *Salmonella* is also a zoonotic disease that can infect humans, good personal hygiene and proper handling of sick animals are essential to protect both livestock and farm workers.



Hi! I'm Megan and I am the new friendly face you will see at the clinic.

A little about me:

I am a mum to a 4 year old boy. I am an animal lover and have always had dogs in my life. I currently have a cat that my family adopted in January. I was born here in Colac and have lived here for most of my life.

I love all animals big and small and I look forward to meeting everyone and all of your animal friends soon.



RVC Footy Tipping Ladder After Round 16



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| 1. Ray (100) | 2. Scott (100) | 3. Garry (100) |
| 4. Shannon (98) | 5. Cindy (96) | 6. Bianca (94) |
| 7. Chris (94) | 8. Emma (94) | 9. Julia R (92) |