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## CHOOSING A NEW PET

### Inherited diseases

As we have been updating our website this year I have just updated and returned to the website some of our articles on inherited diseases. Summer time is also a common time when people decide to add a new animal member to their family so it's a good time for some pertinent reminders.

These are not exhaustive and the key points from these are that nearly all pedigree dogs are at risk of some inherited disease or other but there are ways to reduce your risks and protect yourself. Namely consult us before purchasing. We can help with what to look for. Do your research before selecting a new puppy – the time taken is worth it in the long run and as no amount of research can completely remove risk, in addition to doing your homework, we recommend you take out pet insurance too.

The articles are:

- Hip Dysplasia: <http://www.veterinarycentre.co.nz/hip-dysplasia.php>
- Elbow dysplasia: <http://www.veterinarycentre.co.nz/elbow-displasia.php>
- Progressive retinal atrophy: <http://www.veterinarycentre.co.nz/prd.php>

This is also a useful article to refer to on our website when thinking about getting a new dog: <http://www.veterinarycentre.co.nz/getting-a-new-dog.php>

Don't forget also to book your new pets in to be desexed at the recommended age.

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## KEEPING OUR PETS SAFE

### Poisoning

Summer is a common season for pet's to present with symptoms of poisoning. Here are some common examples (but there are many more).

Food toxicities – in the season of over indulgence our beloved pets often get access to things that make them ill such as chocolate and macadamia nuts. As summer progresses and things like grapes become available these too are extremely toxic to some dogs.

Slug bait – in order to help their gardens flourish, you or your neighbours may choose to use slug bait. If it is one that is unsafe for pets they may be at risk especially if they are scavengers. Some cats even like to eat the pellets. Use pet safe slug bait and encourage your neighbours to do the same.

Lilies – 'tis also the season for lilies. Did you know that every part of most lilies are toxic to cats. Many cats are curious and like to have a nibble or chew on these, especially when they are brought inside for a flower display. If you have one of these curious cats, lilies may not be the best flower display for your house.

You can read more about these and other poisonings on our website.

- Environmental toxins: <http://www.veterinarycentre.co.nz/environmental-toxins.php>
- Food toxicities: <http://www.veterinarycentre.co.nz/food-toxicities.php>
- Slug bait: <http://www.veterinarycentre.co.nz/poisoning--slugbait.php>
- Rat Bait: <http://www.veterinarycentre.co.nz/poisons--rat-bait.php>
- Lilies: <http://www.veterinarycentre.co.nz/poisoning--lillies.php>

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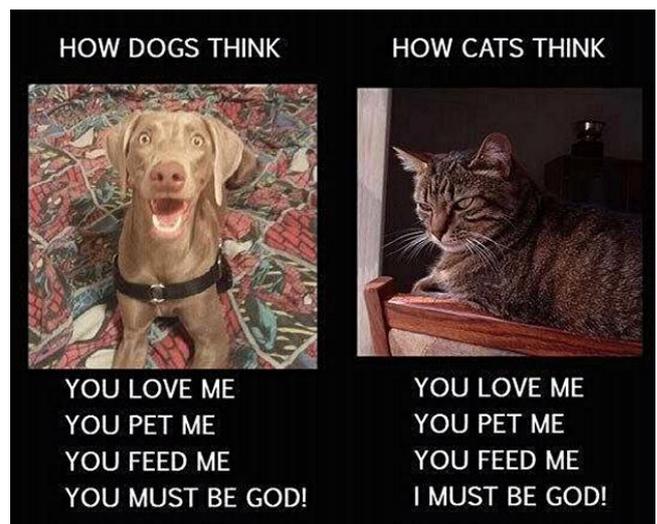


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