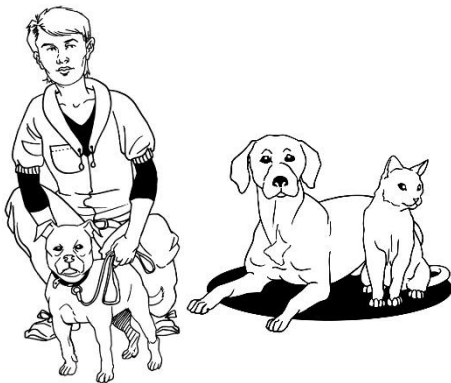


Taking animals to the vet during COVID-19

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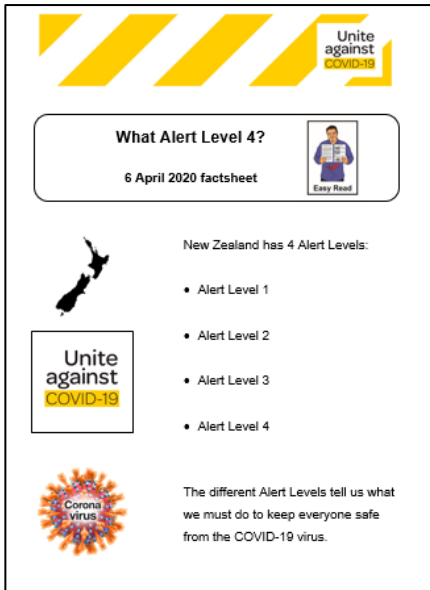
You should call your vet if your animal
or pet:

- is sick or hurt
- needs medical care.

If you do not have a vet you can find a
vet on this website:



www.vetcouncil.org.nz/Web/Find_A_Veterinarian.aspx



When we are in **Alert Level 4** you **must call** your vet before taking your pet to see them.

There is an Easy Read fact sheet called:

What is Alert Level 4?



You can find this fact sheet on the COVID-19 website:

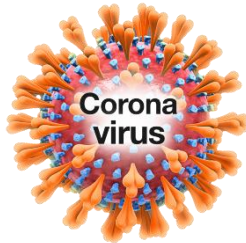
<https://covid19.govt.nz/communities/accessible-information/easy-read/>



Your vet will tell you on the phone what you need to do when you take your pet to the vet.



It is important that you do what your vet asks you to do.



This will help keep you and everyone at safe from **COVID-19**.



COVID-19 is a virus that can make people sick.

It is also called coronavirus.



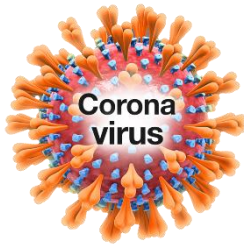
It is also very important that you tell your vet if **you** are:

- feeling sick
- **self-isolating**
- at **greater risk** of getting COVID-19.





Self-isolating means not being in places where you could give COVID-19 to other people.

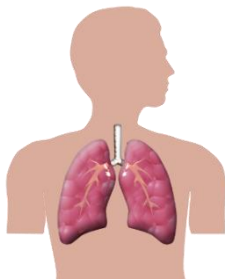


Some people are at **greater risk** of getting very sick if they get COVID-19.



You are more likely to get very sick if you:

- are over 70 years old
- have a health condition that may make you more at risk like:
 - high blood pressure
 - diabetes.





You still need to follow these rules even if someone else is taking your pet to the vet.



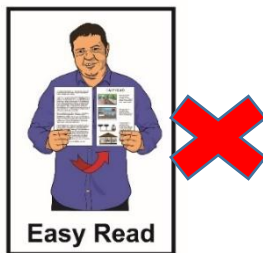
The New Zealand Veterinary Association has a COVID-19 fact page at:



www.nzva.org.nz



The fact page on their website also has ideas about looking after your pets while you stay at home.



The fact page on their website is **not** in Easy Read.



If you need help with understanding any of the information in this fact sheet you can call the **People First New Zealand helpline**



The People First New Zealand **helpline** is **0800 20 60 70**



You will be asked to leave a message with your:

- first and last name
- phone number.



It will not cost you any money to call this number.



You can also email People First New Zealand on **ask@peoplefirst.org.nz**



A People First worker will call or email you back.



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