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~Presents~

DANGER IS EVERYWHERE

with the help of my neighbours

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and CHRIS JUDGE (pictures)





WARNING!

NEVER READ WHILE CROSSING ROAD/FLYING HELICOPTOR/WRESTLING WITH LIONS

BEWARE!

BOOK HAS SHARP CORNERS

CAUTION!

DO NOT DROP BOOK FROM OPEN WINDOW (UNLESS WEREWOLF/VAMPIRE IS BELOW)

A HANDBOOK FOR AVOIDING DANGER

OK. How are you after that? Not **TOO FRIGHTENED** I hope, because let me tell you, this book is about to get a lot more terrifying **RIGHT NOW.**

DANGER PETS



Choosing the correct pet is a very important decision. Get it right and you have a new best friend.

Get it wrong and you have bought yourself a

ONE-WAY TICKET TO CHOMPYTOWN, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN

(what I mean is that it could eat you).

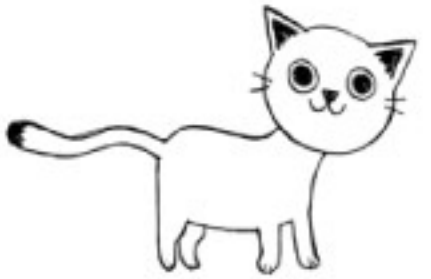


(which will soon be 1 when you get chomped)

The most important question you need to ask yourself about any new pet is:

YES, IT LOOKS CUTE NOW, BUT WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE IN A YEAR?

With a new kitten, for example.



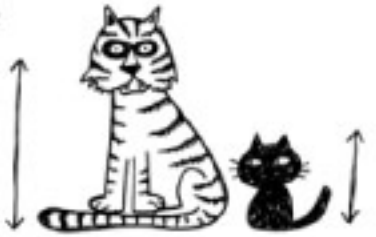
HOW CAN I BE SURE THIS CAT IS AN ORDINARY CAT AND NOT A BABY TIGER?



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HOW TO CHECK IF YOUR CAT IS A TIGER

Ask yourself these three simple questions:



1. Is my cat much bigger than everyone else's cat?

2. Does it have very large teeth and sometimes try to eat the juiciest neighbours?



3. Instead of **MEOW**, does it go **ROAAARRRRRR** so loud that saucepans rattle and pictures on the walls go sideways? Except when there is a programme about tigers on the television, when it watches its friends silently, with tears in its eyes.



If you answered **YES** to any **TWO** of these questions, **THEN YOUR CAT IS DEFINITELY A BABY TIGER.** You should telephone your local zoo **IMMEDIATELY.** And, while you are waiting for them to arrive, **DANCE!**

(This Is A Tiger Alert! TIATA! TIATA!)

IS MY DOG A BABY WOLF?



Does it **HOOOOWWWWWLL** at the moon? Does it really like chickens? Are chickens going missing in your area? Does your dog sometimes sneak out at night and have lots of feathers stuck to it in the morning and smell like chickens?

NEWSFLASH: THEN THAT IS NOT A DOG! TIAWA!

IS MY PET FISH A BABY GREAT WHITE SHARK?



Does it get really, really excited when you eat a sandwich in front of it? When it's hungry, does it swim along with its top fin sticking out of the water? Has it ever smashed out through its tank and eaten a member of your family?

THEN YELL 'TIASA!' AND HIRE AN OLD SEA CAPTAIN/SHARK FISHERMAN TO CATCH IT BEFORE IT CHOMPS ANYONE ELSE!



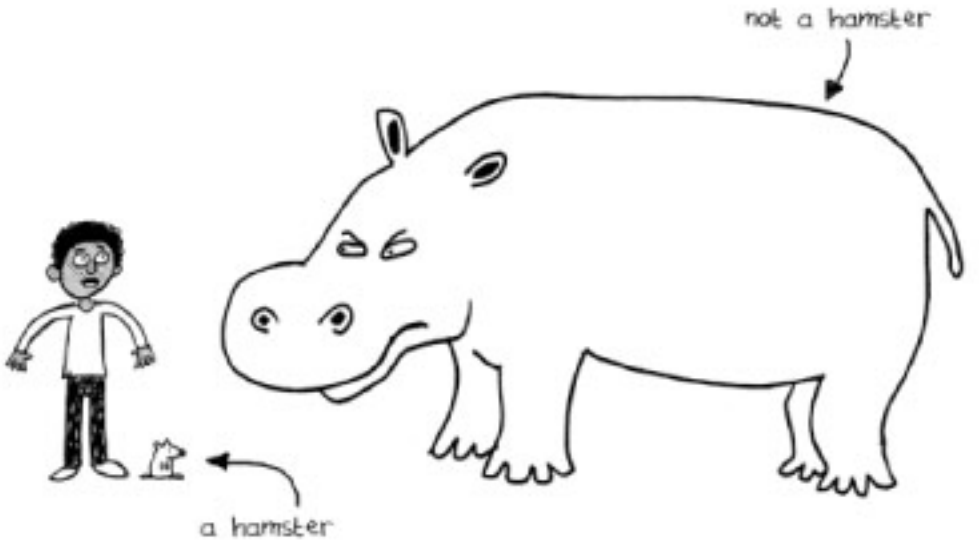
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IS MY HAMSTER A BABY HIPPOPOTAMUS?

Is it **MUCH** too big for its hamster wheel?

Is your hamster bigger than **YOU?**

Does it eat all of its dinner with one mighty chomp and then burp louder than a motorbike?



THEN I'M PRETTY SURE THAT IS NOT A HAMSTER. TIAHA!

ALso **RAD!** ALso **RUN AWAY NOW!**

Maybe you should consider getting a pet that poses **NO DANGER AT ALL** – what, in **DANGEROLOGY**, is known as an **ANDAAP** (Absolutely-Not-Dangerous-At-All Pet).

EXAMPLES OF SOME ANDAAPs



1. A HOUSE PLANT

It won't chew up your furniture or wee on your bed. A house plant is like a dog that doesn't move around or need dinner or do anything. Except grow, very slowly.

WARNING: A banana plant is a bad idea though. **CHIMPS** could hear about it **AND COME TO LIVE WITH YOU.**



WARNING 2: Avoid **HUMAN-EATING PLANTS** and be careful of **THE ARMCHAIR CACTUS**, which can also inflict great pain.



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