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Any breed of dog can develop hip dysplasia but it is much more common in medium to large breed pedigrees including The Labrador, German Shepherd, Golden Retriever, Rottweiler, Bernese Mountain Dog, and Newfoundland.

### Own a breed at risk of hip dysplasia?

If you own a breed that is at risk of hip dysplasia, you will need to make sure you feed and exercise them correctly, especially while they are growing.

- **Exercise.** Speak to your vet about how to exercise your puppy as they grow. It's important to keep them fit, but too much of the wrong type of exercise can make hip dysplasia worse.
- **Feeding.** It's important to make sure your puppy is fed an appropriate food for their size, breed and age. They are more likely to have problems later in life if they don't have the correct nutrition as a puppy.

## Cost

Treatment for hip dysplasia can mount up to thousands of pounds over a dog's lifetime. Think about insuring your dog as soon as you get them, before any signs of illness start. This means you will have all the support you need to care for them if they become poorly or develop a condition such as hip dysplasia.

It's also very important to speak openly to your vet about your finances, the cost of treatment, as well as what you think is right for your dog. There are often several treatment options so if one doesn't work for you and your pet then your vet may be able to offer another.

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