



PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Information for Prospective Participants

Pathways and Paw(es): Visualising co-performance and place-making

Research team contacts

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What is the purpose of the research?

The purpose of this research is to understand how people walking their dogs engage in place-making activities in urban environments. There are 20 dogs for every 100 people in Australia. The dog-owning population includes all demographics and ages; understanding how humans and companion animals dwell in urban/sub-urban environments can be a fundamental factor to plan and achieve better smart cities, in alignment with UN Habitat New Urban Agenda (NUA) and UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Are you looking for people like me?

The research team is inviting Australian and New Zealand urban and suburban urban or small town dog walkers to answer a survey about their dog walking habits, experiences and stories about their understandings of the animal's experience during the daily walk.

What will you ask me to do?

Your participation will involve a short (15–20 minute) online survey that asks questions about your dog walking and why you make choices about different dog walking routes in your neighbourhood.

Are there any risks for me in taking part?

There are no risks associated with completing the on-line survey as no personal data is collected. However, you should be aware your answers may create a risk of identifiable data (e.g. a specific walk locale and distinct breed). This will be minimised through reporting e.g. locations will be de-identified and specific breeds de-identified (a St. Bernard becomes a large dog). An additional risk of identification is through use of your dog's name (it may be distinctive). The survey invites you to give 'temporary name' to your companion animal.

You will be able to review your responses before submitting and save a copy of your responses after submitting the survey.

It should be noted that if you do agree to participate you can withdraw from participation in the research project without comment or penalty. However, as the survey does not request any personal identifying information, once it has been submitted it will not be possible to withdraw.

Are there any benefits for me in taking part?

It is expected that this research project will not benefit you directly. However, there are an estimated 4.8 million pet dogs in Australia; 20 dogs for every 100 people, the dog-owning population includes 38% of households and all demographics and ages (ABS data, 2010). The majority of these companion animals are taken for walks daily and dog walkers are a major feature of urban (sub-urban and peri-urban or small town) environments and it may benefit our understanding about the ways that people and their companion animals engage in place-making in urban environments.

You can read more about the project via our website:

<http://pathways-paws.making-games.net/dog-walking-survey/>

Will I be compensated for my time?

No, but we would very much appreciate your participation in this research.

I am interested – what should I do next?

If you are interested in participating in this study, please follow this link to the study site:

<http://pathways-paws.making-games.net/dog-walking-survey/>

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Alternatively for details of the next step, please contact:

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You will be provided with further information to ensure that your decision and consent to participate is fully informed.

Thank You!

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