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# Examining the relationship between Animal-friendly infrastructures and space, and health outcomes

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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### INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective What are the effects of animal friendly infrastructure and spaces on health and wellbeing of guardians and companion animals.

Condition being studied Health and wellbeing outcomes.

## METHODS

Search strategy (Pet\* OR Animal\*) AND (friend\* OR inclusive OR Assist\* OR Support\*)

AND Space\* OR Place\* OR house\* OR infrastructur\* OR amenities\*

AND

Health\* OR wellness OR welfare OR well-being

Scopus, Web of Science, PubMed.

**Participant or population** Animal friendly infrastructure and spaces users.

**Intervention** Visitors or users of animal friendly infrastructure and spaces.

Comparator Visitors or users of generic spaces.

Study designs to be included PRISMA.

#### **Eligibility criteria**

Inclusion criteria: 1. Is in English.

- 2. Is published after 2015
- 3. Is research paper.

4. Discusses the presence of parks, infrastructure, any services, and its effect on pet/human/family/

neighborhood/an area's health of any form (physical/mental/social).

5. Discusses the presence of parks, infrastructure, any services, and its effect on the bond between pet-owner, owner-family members, community members, etc.

6. Discusses the nature/characteristics/design of parks, infrastructure, any services, and the presence or absence of pets, interaction between pets-owners, health outcomes.

7. Discusses the presence of pets in any setting other than pet owner's home and its effect on pet/ human/family/neighborhood/an area's health of any form (physical/mental/social).

Information sources Scopus, Web of Science, PubMed.

Main outcome(s) Human or companion animal's physical health, mental health, or their indicators or precursors.

Data management COVIDENCE.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis During extraction, reviewer will make their subjective judgement on the quality. Author will report if any specific study is judged to be of low quality.

**Strategy of data synthesis** Assessment of effect sizes, effect significance, any moderators, interview fragments.

Subgroup analysis None.

Sensitivity analysis None.

Language restriction English.

Country(ies) involved Canada.

**Keywords** Animal-friendly infrastructure, dog parks, human health, companion animal health.

#### **Contributions of each author**

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