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

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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.

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