

Appendix

SURVEY ON ANIMALS

This is a survey of people's attitudes about animals that are commonly considered to be pets. We are trying to determine the variety of views that people hold about animals in the United States and Canada. You may leave any question blank, and may also provide comments anywhere you would like. We are not interested in knowing specifically who you are, but do ask some demographic questions at the end to use for analysis purposes. This research is being conducted through the Department of Political Science at West Virginia University. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Susan.Hunter@mail.wvu.edu. Thank you for completing this survey.

First, could you please tell us where you live: Country: _____
State or Province: _____
Community: _____

1. In what type of area do you live? Please check the description that is closest to describing your situation. Do you live:

- _____ 1. on a farm
- _____ 2. in a rural area but not on a farm
- _____ 3. in a suburb or small town
- _____ 4. in a medium sized town or city
- _____ 5. in a large urban area
- _____ 6. other: Describe: _____

2. Do you own or keep any animals (pets, livestock or other)

- _____ 1. NO
- _____ 2. YES -----> IF YES: Please list the type of pet (bird, cat, dog, ferret, etc;) and number of each type:

3. Please list up to five words you often use to describe your relationship with your animals(s).

4. We are trying to understand the way in which the word "rights" is used in various countries

and even local areas. Could you please tell us what this word means to you? Who or what has rights, and what rights do they possess?

4. Which of the following statements comes closest to describing your feelings about animals? Please check only one.

- 1. God created all creatures and gave them all rights that people must respect.
- 2. Because animals feel pain and suffer, government has a duty to protect their welfare.
- 3. Humans exist as part of a natural community in which all members, including animals, must be treated with respect.
- 4. Human progress requires the use of other species as we see it..
- 5. Animal welfare laws are a violation of my right to free property.
- 6. God gave dominion over animals to use as people see fit.
- 7. Only humans have rights.

5. What rights, if any, do you think animals should have? Please check all that apply.

- 0. No rights
- 1. Adequate food, water and shelter for survival
- 2. Sufficient food, water, shelter for safety and comfort and freedom from pain
- 3. Companionship and socialization- freedom to interact with others and to be loved
- 4. Exercise and freedom of movement sufficient to sustain mental and physical health.
- 5. Right to respect and dignity
- 6. Procedural rights: Legal rights to have a guardian seek protection of their welfare from the Courts

6. Of the following laws that have been enacted in various areas of the U.S., please tell us how likely you would be to support them for your area:

LAW	Very Likely to Support	Somewhat Likely to Support	Might or Might Not Support	Somewhat Likely to Oppose	Very Likely to Oppose
1. Laws to ban 24/7 permanent tethering or caging with no exercise.					
2. Laws against using animals for non-medical research					
3. Laws to prohibit the use of animals in research whenever an alternative is available.					
4. Kennel licensing and inspections for everyone with ten or more animals (including rescue groups, breeders, boarding kennels, and pet owners with a large number of animals).					

5. Expansion of cruelty laws to include livestock and poultry.					
6. Puppy Protection legislation to require that all puppies or kittens sold or placed for adoption have a health certificate signed by a veterinarian, up to date vaccinations, and a refund requirement for sick animals.					
7. Expansion of cruelty laws to cover research animals					
8. Differential licensing to encourage spay/neuter					
9. Restrictions on factory farming practices such as debeaking chicken, feedlots, 24/7 confinement in small areas with no exercise.					

Breed specific bans have been introduced in many communities and even at higher levels of government, to completely ban some breeds or types of dogs from the community. We would like to understand your feelings on this issue.

7. First, how do you feel about breed specific bans?

- 1. Strongly Support bans
- 2. Somewhat Support bans
- 3. Unsure
- 4. Somewhat oppose bans
- 5. Strongly oppose bans.

8. If you support bans, what breeds or types should be banned?

9. Why do you think communities pass such bans?

- 1. Belief or evidence that these breeds are used by criminals, especially drug dealers
- 2. Media reports that certain breeds are naturally vicious.
- 3. Panic in the community over an isolated serious biting incident.
- 4. Other: please describe: _____

10. Which of the following statements best describes your belief about dogs

- 1. Some breeds or types of dogs are naturally vicious
- 2. Some breed of dogs are more likely to bite when provoked.
- 3. Virtually any breed will bite if provoked sufficiently
- 4. Owners are what make dogs dangerous.

11. Does your community ban any breeds or types of dogs?

- NO
- YES: What breed, and what led to the ban? Please be as specific as possible.

12. Which of the following best describes your beliefs about human existence:

- 1. Man was made in God's image and given dominion over all the earth.
- 2. Man was created by God and was given responsibility to care for all the earth
- 3. All creatures are formed of the same spirit and fit together into the oneness of being
- 4. Humans evolved over many eons and are now able to conquer nature to achieve great ends.
- 5. Humans evolved but our continued existence requires us to live within and show respect for the ecosystem and all its inhabitants.

The following questions are for analysis purposes only. You may refuse to answer any or all of them.

13. Please describe your primary ethnic makeup:

- 1. Caucasian
- 2. Asian
- 3. Hispanic
- 4. Native American
- 5. African
- 6. Middle Eastern
- 7. Other

14. With what religion, if any, are you affiliated?

- 0. No organized religion
- 1. Roman Catholic
- 2. Orthodox Christian
- 3. Protestant
- 4. Jewish
- 5. Islam
- 6. Buddhist
- 7. Hindu
- 8. Charismatic or Pentecostal
- 9. Other: _____

15. Your Gender:

- 1. Male
- 2. Female

16. Your Age

- A. 18-25
- B. 25-40
- C. 40-65
- D. Over 65

17. Income

- A. Under \$25,000
- B. \$25,000 - \$60,000
- C. \$60,000 - \$100,000
- D. Over \$100,000

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH THIS PROJECT. HAVE A GREAT DAY