

PLANNING FOR PEOPLE AND PETS

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➔ SOME FACTS ABOUT PET OWNERSHIP

- ➔ 64% of Australian households own a pet
- ➔ Links with a lower cardio-vascular disease
- ➔ Links with better mental health
- ➔ Links with stronger social capital



➔ PET OWNERS ARE A DIVERSE LOT



➔ WHY IS IT GETTING HARDER TO OWN PETS?

- ➔ Changing housing type
- ➔ Planning for the environment
- ➔ Manicuring of Australian suburbs
- ➔ Busier lifestyles
- ➔ Restrictions on pet ownership



➔ PARTS OF THE DWELLING WE CAN PLAN FOR

- ➔ Dwelling entry and interior
- ➔ Outdoor space
- ➔ Car parking
- ➔ Precinct design



➔ PRINCIPLES FOR THE DOMESTIC REALM

- ➔ Maximise the space available for pets
- ➔ Ideally provide pets with some outdoor space
- ➔ Provide for confinement
- ➔ Provide for acoustic separation
- ➔ Provide environmental enrichment
- ➔ A safe and comfortable environment

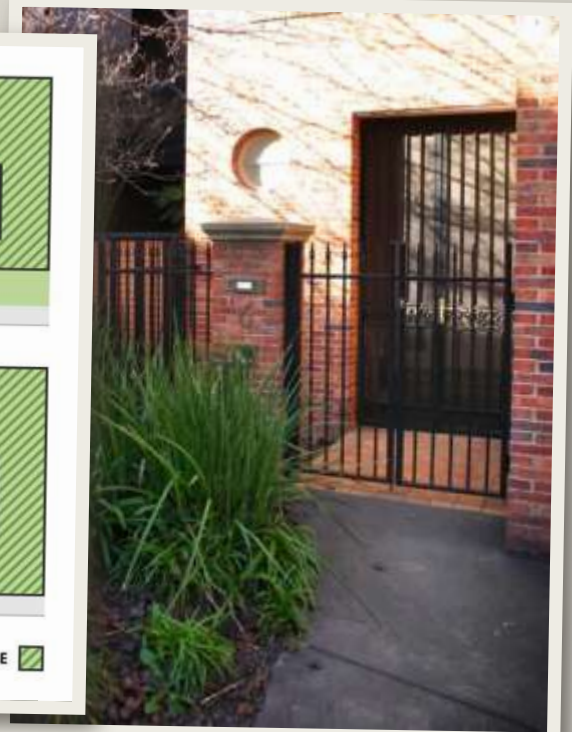
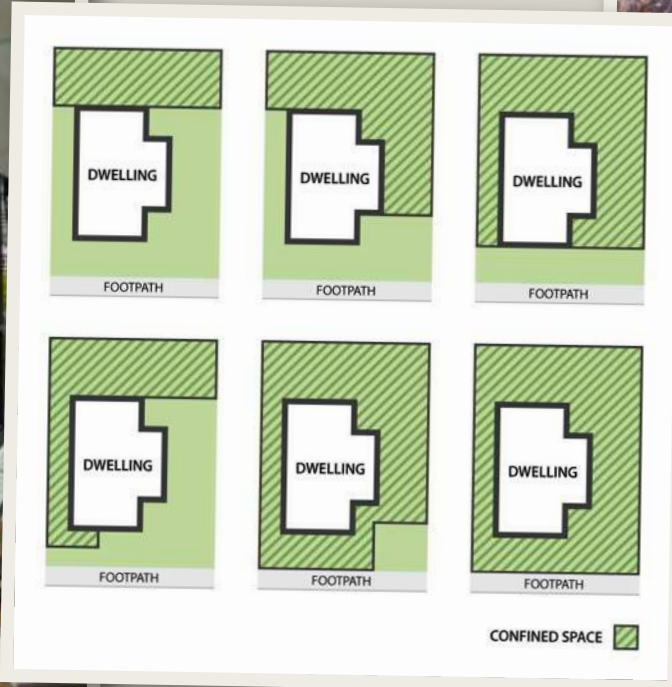


➔ DWELLING ENTRY AND INTERIOR





OUTDOOR SPACE



→ FOUR LEGS FOUR WALLS



'Four Legs Four Walls' is a 52 page publication which delivers a set of contemporary housing design guidelines that considers the valuable role that companion animals that play in our domestic lives.

PDF available at:

www.petnet.com.au/four-legs-four-walls-0

➔ MOVING ON TO THE PUBLIC REALM

- ➔ For humans: exercise, recreation and social interaction
- ➔ For dogs: socialisation and exercise
- ➔ For communities: links with social capital, better health outcomes and responsible pet ownership



➔ WHAT DO DOG OWNERS WANT?



➔ WHAT CAN WE DO?

- ➔ Provide a “good” number of off-leash parks
- ➔ Consider providing one or more “dog parks”
- ➔ Integrate the needs of dog owners into the park planning process
- ➔ Provide facilities for dog owners
- ➔ Provide services for dog owners



➔ GOOD OFF LEASH AREAS

- ➔ Because they are a significant group
- ➔ For the benefits
- ➔ For accessibility
- ➔ To avoid concentration
- ➔ As a compliance tool



→ DOG PARKS



→ SERVICES FOR DOG OWNERS



➔ FACILITIES FOR DOG OWNERS (CONT)



➔ KEY MESSAGES FOR HEALTHY CITIES

- ➔ Planning for pets and their owners is good for Healthy Cities
- ➔ Planning for pets and their owners is not hard
- ➔ BUT..... we need to ensure it happens





FURTHER INFORMATION?

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