

2023 Lautoka Door-to-Door Survey: Public Attitudes Towards Dogs and Dog Ownership Practices

PART 1: HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Q1 What city or town do you live in?

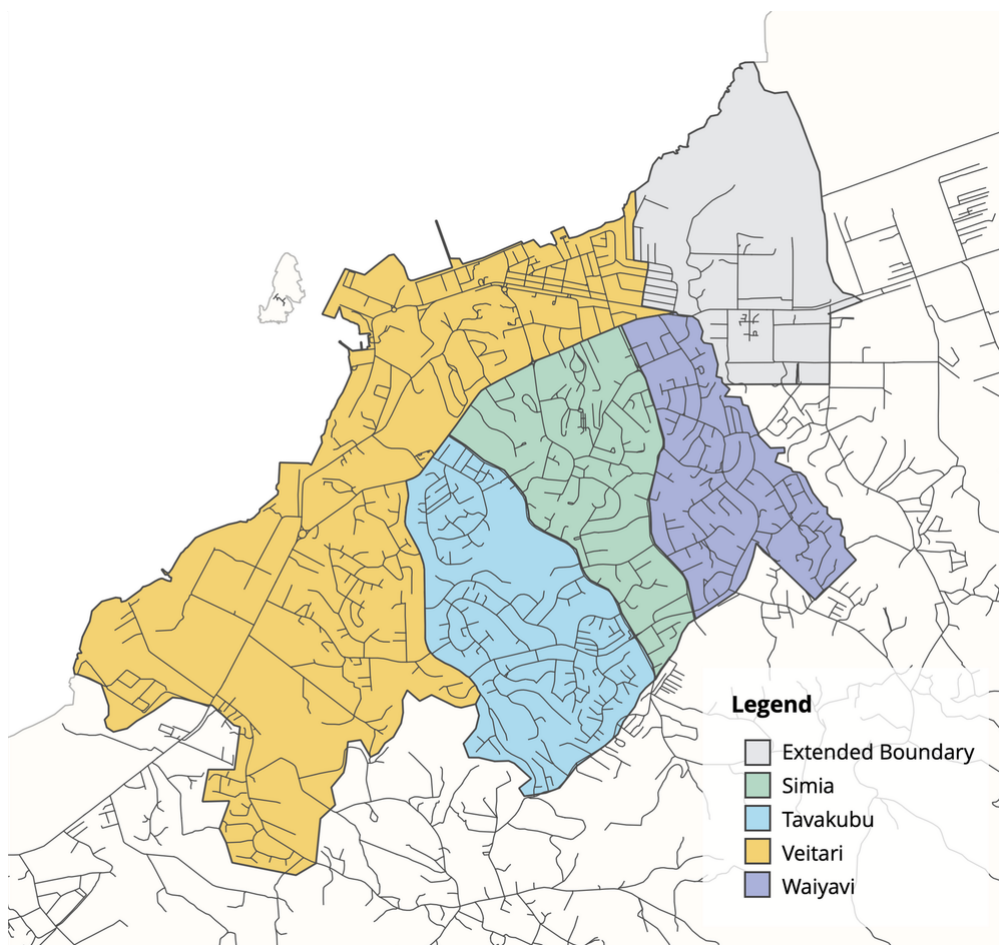
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| ☐ Suva | ☐ Nadi | ☐ Lautoka |
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| ☐ Tavua | ☐ Rakiraki | ☐ Navua |
| ☐ Korovou | ☐ Nasinu | ☐ Vatukoula |
| ☐ Nakasi | ☐ Seaqaqa | ☐ Dreketi |
| ☐ Lomawai | ☐ Korolevu | ☐ Nadelei |
| ☐ Natumbua | | |
| ☐ Other | | |

Choose one.

Q2 What suburb or ward do you live in?

- ☐ Extended Boundary
- ☐ Simia
- ☐ Tavakubu
- ☐ Veitari
- ☐ Waiyavi

Choose one.



Q3 What street do you live on? Please do not provide the complete address, just the street name.

Q4 What type of house do you live in? Please choose the best answer.

- ☐ Apartment/Flat
 - ☐ Attached House/Duplex
 - ☐ Detached House
 - ☐ Townhouse
 - ☐ Room
 - ☐ Hut/Shanty/Settlement
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Choose one.

Q5 How many people live in your household? Please choose the best answer.

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3-5
- ☐ 6-10
- ☐ > 10 (More than 10)
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Choose one.

Q6 What is your ethnic background? *Please choose the best answer.*

- ☐ Itaukei
- ☐ Indian or Indo-Fijian
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ European
- ☐ Other Pacific Island
- ☐ Other (please specify)
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Choose one.

Q7 What is your primary religion? *Please choose the best answer.*

- ☐ Christian
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ No Religion
- ☐ Other (please specify)
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Choose one.

PART 2: DOG BITES

Q8 Have you or anyone in your household been bitten by a dog in the past 12 months?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Choose one.

Q9 Please provide details of anyone in the house who has been bitten by a dog in the past 12 months.

Note: If more than one person in your household has been bitten, please separate your answers with a comma (i.e. for a household where three family members were bitten: male, male, female for gender and 15, 36, 40 for age).

Number of people in the household who have been bitten:

Gender (male or female) of the people bitten:

The person's age (in years) at the time they were bitten:

Details of any treatment(s) received (either from a doctor or at home treatments. Please be as specific as possible, for example, antibiotics, stitches, etc)

Q10 Please describe the dog(s) that bit your family member(s). Select all that apply.

☐ Own dog

☐ Neighbour's dog

☐ Security or guard dog

☐ Stray dog

☐ Unknown/strange dog

☐ Don't know

☐ Other (please specify)

Choose at least 1.

Q11 Do you know why the dog(s) bit? If so, please explain the situation(s) leading up to the bite(s).

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, please explain
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Choose one.

PART 3: PET OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

Q12 Does your household feed any dogs that you do not 'own' on a regular basis? (for example, do you feed or care for any dogs that you do not consider to be your pet, such as a stray dog or a neighbourhood dog?)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
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Choose one.

Q13 If you said 'yes' to the previous question, how many dogs do you currently feed or care for that you do not 'own'?

Q14 Does your household own a dog? ('Own' is defined as a dog living in the house or yard most of the time and being fed by the household on a regular basis).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
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Choose one.

Q15 What is your primary purpose for owning a dog? Please choose the best answer.

- ☐ Pet/companionship
- ☐ Guarding/protection
- ☐ Hunting
- ☐ Breeding
- ☐ Food

☐ Other (please specify)

Choose one.

Q16 How many ADULT DOGS (older than 1 year) are there living in your household? If you don't own a specific type of dog type "0".

Note: Desexing means that a dog has had a surgical operation, which makes it so he or she cannot make puppies.

Total Adult Dogs in Household

Number of Intact (Not Desexed) Male Adult Dogs

Number of Desexed Male Adult Dogs

Number of Intact (Not Desexed) Female Adult Dogs

Number of Desexed Female Adult Dogs

Number of Adult Dogs of Unknown Gender (for example, if you don't know if it's a boy or a girl dog)

Q17 How many PUPPIES (dogs younger than 1 year) are there living in your household? If you don't own a specific type of dog type "0".

Note: Desexing means that a dog has had a surgical operation, which makes it so he or she cannot make puppies.

Total Puppies in Household

Number of Intact (Not Desexed) Male Puppies

Number of Desexed Male Puppies

Number of Intact (Not Desexed) Female Puppies

Number of Desexed Female Puppies

Number of Puppies of Unknown Gender (for example, if you don't know if it's a boy or a girl dog)

Q18 Are any of your dog(s) purebred?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes (please tell us the breed)

Choose one.

Q19 Where did you get your dog(s) from? *Select all that apply.*

- ☐ Puppies of Own Dog
- ☐ Purchased from Breeder
- ☐ Gift/Free Dog
- ☐ Adopted (for example from an animal shelter or rescue group)
- ☐ Stray/Found on the Street
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Choose at least 1.

Q20 In the past 12 months, did any of your household's dogs die or permanently leave the household for another reason?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Choose one.

Q21 If you answered yes to the last question, how many of your dogs have died or permanently left your household in the past 12 months?

Q22 What happened to the dog(s) who died or permanently left your household in the past 12 months? *Select all that apply.*

- ☐ Sold
- ☐ Given Away
- ☐ Killed (By Owner or Other Person)

- ☐ Died in Accident (i.e. Hit By Car)
- ☐ Died of Illness or Disease
- ☐ Stolen
- ☐ Other, please specify
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Choose at least 1.

Q23 Are all of your dogs desexed (spayed or neutered) so that they cannot have puppies?

Note: Desexing means that the dog has had a surgical operation (a spay or a neuter) that prevents them from having or making puppies.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
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Choose one.

Q24 If you answered “no” to the previous question, what is the reason your dog(s) are not desexed? *Select all that apply.*

- ☐ Cannot afford
- ☐ Dog used for breeding
- ☐ I believe desexing is cruel
- ☐ I worry my dog will get fat
- ☐ It is a male (boy) dog
- ☐ I am worried my dog won't be a good guard dog
- ☐ I didn't know it was important
- ☐ Other, please specify
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Choose all that apply.

Q25 Are your dogs confined within the house or compound so that they are not able to wander or roam freely in public areas without human supervision? *Please choose the best answer.*

- ☐ All day only
 - ☐ All night only
 - ☐ All day and night
 - ☐ Sometimes
 - ☐ Never
 - ☐ Don't know
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Choose one.

Q26 Are all of your dogs vaccinated? *Please choose the best answer.*

Note: a vaccine is an injection given by a vet that helps to protect them from sicknesses

- ☐ Yes, in the past year
 - ☐ Yes, but more than a year ago
 - ☐ Only as puppies
 - ☐ Never
 - ☐ Don't know
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Choose one.

Q27 Are all of your dogs dewormed? *Please choose the best answer.*

Note: deworming means that the dogs have been given medicine that kills worms that live inside the dog's gut.

- ☐ Yes, in the past month
 - ☐ Yes, but more than a month ago
 - ☐ Only as puppies
 - ☐ Never
 - ☐ Don't know
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Choose one.

Q28 Are all of your dogs treated for fleas and ticks? *Please choose the best answer.*

- ☐ Yes, in the past month
- ☐ Yes, but more than a month ago
- ☐ Only as puppies
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Don't know
-

Choose one.

Q29 What do you feed your dogs? *Select all that apply.*

- ☐ Dog biscuits
- ☐ Canned dog food
- ☐ Leftover human food
- ☐ Other, please specify
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Choose between 1 and 4.

Q30 How many times a day do you feed your dog(s)? *Please choose the best answer.*

- ☐ Twice a day or more
- ☐ Once a day
- ☐ Every 2 days
- ☐ Less than every 2 days
- ☐ Never
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Choose one.

Q31 How often do you give your dog(s) fresh water? *Please choose the best answer.*

- ☐ Twice a day or more
- ☐ Once a day
- ☐ Every 2 days

- ☐ Less than every 2 days
- ☐ Never

Choose one.

Q32 Are all of your dog(s) licensed/registered for this year? *Please choose the best answer.*

Note: dog licenses are valid from January 1 - December 31.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't Know

Choose one.

Q33 If you answered 'no' to the previous question, what is the reason your dog(s) are not licensed/registered? *Please choose the best answer.*

- ☐ Cannot afford
- ☐ Didn't know it was important
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Other, please specify the reason(s) your dog(s) are not licensed/registered

Choose one.

Q34 Have any of your female dogs (that you currently own) ever had puppies?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

Choose one.

Q35 If you answered 'yes' to the previous question, how many of your female dogs gave birth to puppies in the last year?

Q36 How many puppies did your dog(s) give birth to in the past year?

Q37 What happened to the puppies that your dog(s) gave birth to in the past year? Please choose all that apply.

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| ☐ Kept | ☐ Born dead |
| ☐ Killed by another dog | ☐ Killed by a household member |
| ☐ Killed by someone else | ☐ Surrendered to shelter |
| ☐ Died of illness or injury after birth | ☐ Given away |
| ☐ Sold | ☐ Abandoned or left on the street |
| ☐ Don't know | |
| ☐ Other, please specify. | |

Choose all that apply.

Q38 Does your household own a cat? (*'Own' is defined as a cat living in the house or yard most of the time and being fed by the household on a regular basis*).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Choose one.

Q39 If you said 'yes' to the previous question, how many cats do you currently own?

PART 4: ETHICAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS DOGS

Q40 I like dogs

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

Choose one.

Q41 Having a dog is a waste of money.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q42 Dogs should always be kept outside the house.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q43 I don't like being close to dogs.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q44 If my dog got sick or got mange, I would not want it around the house.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q45 If my female dog had puppies, I would not want to keep any of them.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q46 People should treat dogs with as much respect as they treat a human in their family.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q47 A dog is a valuable possession.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q48 Street dogs should be looked after by the community.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q49 The welfare of dogs is important to me.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q50 People should not feed the stray dogs.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q51 I like having dogs around on my street.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q52 Dogs should have the same rights and privileges as humans.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q53 People who own dogs are responsible for making sure they are healthy and happy.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q54 Street dogs should not be allowed to breed.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q55 Dogs are dangerous to people.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q56 Dogs can feel pain.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q57 If a dog has puppies, it is the owner's responsibility to care for them.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q58 I think that dogs should be desexed to prevent unwanted puppies.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q59 Dogs are a member of the family.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree

- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q60 It is unhealthy to touch dogs.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q61 Dogs should be allowed indoors.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q62 Having a dog increases security. *

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know

- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q63 Owners should keep their dogs even if the dog has attacked people (rather than get rid of them or euthanize them).

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q64 Poisoning or baiting dogs is an acceptable method of population control.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q65 Dogs should be allowed to roam freely.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

Choose one.

Q66 I think that there are too many dogs in my neighbourhood.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q67 Euthanizing a dog for medical reasons is cruel.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q68 I think that stray dogs are a problem in this country.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q69 It is not acceptable to kill dogs.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q70 Owners are legally responsible for making sure their dog(s) are licensed.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q71 I am afraid of dogs.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q72 Desexing (spaying or neutering to prevent the birth of puppies) is cruel and inhumane.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q73 Dogs carry diseases that can make people sick.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q74 Vaccinating dogs is important for keeping them healthy.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q75 If a dog is sick it should be allowed to die naturally, even if it is suffering.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q76 I eat dog meat.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q77 I think tying up a dog on a chain is cruel.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q78 Street dogs are not dangerous to people.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
-

Choose one.

Q79 There is no need to desex male dogs.

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement above.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
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Choose one.

Q80 Are there any other feedback, comments or suggestions you wish to provide pertaining to dog ownership and dog population management in Fiji?
