

# YouGov Survey Results

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## Do you own or have you ever owned a pet dog?

Currently own a dog/dogs	28	30	24	28	35	24	30	26	30	31	27	31	26	26	30	28	28	27	32	31	15	29	100	0	33	3
Have owned a dog/dogs in the past	30	31	29	26	30	29	34	31	30	16	26	32	41	28	33	29	40	37	31	27	25	30	0	42	34	12
Never owned a dog/dogs	41	39	47	46	34	47	35	43	40	51	47	36	33	45	36	42	32	36	37	41	59	41	0	58	32	84
Don't know	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1

## Would you describe yourself as comfortable or uncomfortable around dogs?

Very comfortable	51	52	48	52	59	46	55	53	50	44	51	53	54	50	52	52	45	52	50	52	45	55	78	41	62	0
Somewhat comfortable	31	30	35	29	28	35	30	30	32	29	32	29	32	31	31	30	39	31	31	31	35	28	20	35	38	0
<b>TOTAL COMFORTABLE</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>
Somewhat uncomfortable	13	14	12	15	11	15	11	13	13	19	14	13	11	15	12	14	9	13	14	13	16	13	1	18	0	78
Very uncomfortable	4	4	4	2	2	4	4	3	4	6	3	5	3	4	4	4	8	4	4	3	4	3	0	5	0	22
<b>TOTAL UNCOMFORTABLE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>
Don't know	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0

## Do you think the following are acceptable or unacceptable?

### Allowing a dog to be off its lead in a park

Completely acceptable	16	13	17	21	13	16	14	17	16	24	17	17	11	17	15	17	10	17	14	15	19	18	25	13	19	5
Somewhat acceptable	46	41	47	49	39	46	42	46	46	53	50	44	37	48	43	46	43	45	46	39	51	47	50	44	50	26
<b>TOTAL ACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>31</b>
Somewhat unacceptable	19	21	20	17	23	21	20	19	20	16	19	18	22	19	20	19	21	20	20	21	20	17	14	21	17	29
Completely unacceptable	16	22	14	10	24	14	23	16	16	5	12	19	27	14	19	16	26	15	17	22	10	14	10	19	12	36
<b>TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>65</b>
Don't know	2	3	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	0	3	3	2	0	3	1	3	2	3

### Allowing a dog to be off its lead while walking down the street

Completely acceptable	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	5	3	4	1
Somewhat acceptable	15	11	15	12	10	15	9	15	14	30	18	10	6	17	12	14	10	24	15	12	22	11	18	13	16	7
<b>TOTAL ACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>
Somewhat unacceptable	31	26	36	38	32	35	27	33	30	39	37	28	22	34	29	32	26	32	34	30	35	29	30	32	33	25
Completely unacceptable	49	59	45	46	56	46	60	46	52	24	40	57	68	46	54	50	62	39	46	52	40	54	46	51	46	65
<b>TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>90</b>
Don't know	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1

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Bringing a dog onto public transport, such as a bus or train

Completely acceptable	32	31	33	38	33	35	32	28	36	24	32	36	32	33	31	32	33	32	31	31	32	33	49	26	37	8
Somewhat acceptable	47	48	49	46	50	46	47	47	48	53	46	45	50	47	48	47	45	49	47	46	50	48	44	49	50	36
<b>TOTAL ACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>44</b>
Somewhat unacceptable	11	11	12	9	9	11	11	15	8	17	12	9	10	12	11	12	6	12	12	12	11	11	5	14	8	27
Completely unacceptable	6	7	4	4	6	6	7	7	5	5	7	6	5	6	6	6	12	4	6	7	7	5	1	8	3	24
<b>TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>51</b>
Don't know	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	4	2	4	3	4	3	3	4	1	3	1	3	2	6

Do you think that most dog owners are generally considerate or inconsiderate of people who are uncomfortable around dogs?

Always considerate	3	5	3	3	4	2	6	3	3	1	3	4	4	2	5	3	2	4	2	2	2	5	6	2	4	0
Often considerate	54	51	57	54	53	54	53	52	55	59	54	52	53	56	51	55	47	50	52	53	60	55	68	48	60	25
<b>TOTAL CONSIDERATE</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>25</b>
Often inconsiderate	32	36	30	34	30	33	31	34	30	33	31	32	35	32	32	32	36	33	34	34	25	32	21	37	27	57
Always inconsiderate	4	4	4	2	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	6	7	3	4	6	2	1	5	2	13
<b>TOTAL INCONSIDERATE</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>70</b>
Don't know	7	4	7	7	8	6	6	7	7	4	9	8	5	6	9	7	9	7	8	6	7	6	3	8	7	4

Do you think it is reasonable or unreasonable to expect dog owners to be able to get their dog or dogs under control at all times?

It is reasonable	94	96	95	93	96	95	96	93	95	85	94	94	98	95	92	94	95	95	91	93	94	95	94	94	94	93
It is unreasonable	4	3	3	5	3	3	3	5	3	10	4	4	2	3	5	5	1	3	6	4	4	4	5	4	4	4
Don't know	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	5	2	2	0	1	3	2	4	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	3

Would you say that you are uncomfortable around all types of dog or just some types?

[Asked only to those who said they are uncomfortable around dogs; n=360]

I am uncomfortable around all types of dog	38	43	35	28	30	37	41	34	41	32	40	37	39	36	40	36	57	42	32	36	35	40	55	37	0	38
I am comfortable around some types of dog and uncomfortable around others	58	55	62	67	61	61	54	60	57	63	57	57	58	61	55	60	32	58	63	62	61	56	45	59	0	58
Don't know	4	2	3	5	9	2	5	6	2	4	3	5	2	3	5	4	11	0	5	2	4	3	0	4	0	4

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Which of the following would you say describes why you are uncomfortable around dogs? You may select as many or as few as you like.

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I find dogs unpredictable	69	78	73	75	70	70	69	67	71	66	70	64	76	71	67	71	58	56	68	64	75	75	60	70	0	69
I find too many dog owners to be irresponsible	58	70	50	56	65	60	63	58	58	48	52	64	70	57	59	60	58	35	68	60	49	59	50	59	0	58
I find dogs scary/aggressive	49	55	49	47	43	51	50	43	55	49	46	52	52	49	49	50	61	34	52	53	51	47	35	50	0	49
I find dogs unclean	36	35	29	45	47	37	33	40	33	46	31	43	30	41	29	37	31	28	28	32	54	40	24	36	0	36
I find dogs come too close to me	34	43	32	44	20	37	39	31	37	24	34	36	43	38	30	34	42	33	35	31	24	40	33	35	0	34
I prefer cats	30	28	30	38	42	36	30	30	31	23	32	26	39	29	32	29	51	31	21	28	38	33	37	30	0	30
I have previously been attacked by a dog	26	33	18	30	38	26	31	31	21	19	25	28	31	23	30	25	29	32	26	38	13	23	28	26	0	26
I have young children and don't trust dogs near them	12	9	18	3	9	18	5	11	13	3	20	6	10	13	11	11	29	12	7	16	16	9	15	12	0	12
I am allergic to dogs	10	18	8	6	8	9	11	9	10	11	9	10	10	10	9	9	9	15	9	3	17	9	7	10	0	10
None of these apply	3	1	6	3	0	5	3	5	2	0	6	2	0	2	4	3	0	3	2	6	6	2	0	3	0	3
Don't know	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

\*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.