Drug use and vet care - online

Start of Block: Consent

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Consent Form   
 **Study title**: Stigmas associated with drug use and access to veterinary care.  
   
 You are being invited to take part in this research study on access to veterinary care by people who use drugs. Participation in this study is open to residents of Greater Vancouver who are 18 years of age or older and who meet two other requirements: you are the primary guardian of a companion animal (pet) and you are someone who regularly uses drugs.  
   
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 UBC Behavioural Research Ethics Board (Ethics ID: H22-02923)  
   
 **STUDY PROCEDURE**   
 This study will consist of a survey with five different sections, each with at least one of: multiple choice questions, ranking questions, agree/disagree questions, and short answer questions. It should take around 20 minutes to complete. The first section is composed of non-identifying demographic questions. In the next section, you will answer questions about your experience with substance use and stigmas that you may have faced. You will then be given a hypothetical pet poisoning situation or be asked to draw on a past pet poisoning event and will answer questions about your expected or actual experiences with this emergency. The final section consists of questions specific to opioid use and the administration of naloxone as well as questions about the development of a resource for pet owners. You will be allowed to go back to questions.  
   
 **STUDY RESULTS**   
 The results of this study will be de-identified and will be published in an online research journal.  
   
 **POTENTIAL RISKS**   
 This study involves thinking and reporting about your experiences with stigma surrounding substance use and about potentially traumatic past experiences. Participation might be distressing if you have been confronted with stigmas or barriers or have suffered the loss or harm of a pet. You may wish to have a trusted individual with you as you complete the survey, which could include a friend, social worker, or even a pet. You do not have to answer any questions if you do not want to, and you can withdraw from the study at any time with no questions asked or any negative consequences. None of the information you provide will be used against you in any way and will be anonymized.  
   
 If at any stage you experience distress, either during or following participation, consider reaching out to a crisis helpline, like Crisis Center BC. Call or chat online with a crisis responder any time: 1-800-784-2433 (24 hours a day), or at https://crisiscentre.bc.ca/  
   
 **BENEFITS OF THE STUDY**   
 This study may prompt reflection on current strategies to prevent accidental pet poisonings or encourage the development of a plan to address them if they do occur. We aim to use the findings of this study to create an informational guide for pet owners to better address drug-related emergencies.  
   
 **CONFIDENTIALITY**   
 Data you provide will be stored in a secure database for a minimum of 5 years and will be password protected and encrypted. Data will only be accessible to the research team until it is made publicly available at the time of publication. Your confidentiality will be respected. Information that discloses your identity will not be collected unless you choose to participate in the draw at the end of the survey. If you do, the email you provide will not be associated with the data from your survey. Documents will be identified only by code number and kept in a locked filing cabinet, or if kept on a computer, in an encrypted, password protected file.  
   
 This online survey is hosted by Qualtrics, a service provider contracted by UBC. If you choose to participate in the survey, you understand that your responses will be stored in Toronto, Ontario and backed up in Montreal, Quebec. More information about the privacy and security of The Survey Tool can be found at: https://it.ubc.ca/services/teaching-learning-tools/survey-tool/qualtrics-faqs#privacy. The privacy and security policy of the survey service provider Qualtrics can be found at: http://www.qualtrics.com/privacy-statement/.  
   
 **PAYMENT**   
 You will have the opportunity to enter in a draw for one of four $25 gift cards if you complete the survey.  
   
 **CONTACT INFORMATION**   
 If you have any questions or concerns about what we are asking of you, please contact either the principal or co-investigator of this study. Names and emails are listed at the top of the first page of this form. If you have any concerns or complaints about your rights as a research participant and/or your experiences while participating in this study, contact the Research Participant Complaint Line in the UBC Office of Research Ethics at 604-822-8598 or if long distance e-mail RSIL@ors.ubc.ca or call toll free 1-877-822-8598.  
   
 **PARTICIPANT CONSENT**   
 Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. If you decide to take part, you may choose to quit the study at any time without any consequences. Once you have submitted the survey, there is no way to withdraw your data. Information provided will be anonymous and will only be stored and analyzed for the purposes of this research.

Q83 REQUIRED:

* I am at least 18 years of age and I consent to participate in this research. (1)
* I am NOT 18 years of age or older and/or I DO NOT consent to participate in this research. (2)

End of Block: Consent

Start of Block: Participant Requirements

Q98 Please complete the captcha below before proceeding with the survey.

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Q4 *In order to be included in this study, participants must meet two additional criteria. If you answer NO to either of the following two questions, please exit the survey. We thank you for your interest in this research.*  
   
 Are you the primary guardian of a pet?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q5 *Please use the following definition of "drugs" to answer this question: any substance that induces an altered state of consciousness and that is consumed without medical supervision/in a non-medical or non-religious context. This* ***includes*** *marijuana and medically-prescribed drugs used in ways other than as prescribed. This* ***does not include*** *alcohol or tobacco. Please keep this definition in mind while completing the rest of the survey.*   
   
 Do you regularly use drugs?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

End of Block: Participant Requirements

Start of Block: Demographics

Q4 What is your age?

* 18-24 (1)
* 25-34 (2)
* 35-44 (3)
* 45-54 (4)
* 55-64 (5)
* 65+ (6)

Q90 What is your gender identity?

* Male (1)
* Non-binary (2)
* Female (3)
* Prefer to self-identify (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to say (5)

Q91 Do you have lived experience as a trans person (meaning your gender identity does not align with your gender assigned at birth)?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)
* Prefer not to say (3)

Q5 What is your racial or ethnic background? Choose all that apply.

* Black (1)
* East Asian (2)
* First Nations or Indigenous (please specify) (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Hispanic or Latin American (4)
* Middle Eastern (5)
* South Asian (6)
* Southeast Asian (7)
* White or European descent (8)
* Another racial or ethnic background (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to say (10)

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Q6 Which of the following describes your employment? Choose all that apply.

* Full-time employment (1)
* Part-time employment (2)
* Piecework/contract work (3)
* Financial aid/Benefits (4)
* Unemployed (5)
* Student (6)
* Retired (7)
* Other (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to say (9)

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Q7 What is your estimated yearly income? (please use numbers only, no characters)

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Q8 What is your current housing situation?

* Unhoused (1)
* Shelter or other community-based organization (ex. church) (2)
* Staying with someone else (family, friend) (3)
* Rented apartment/condo (4)
* Apartment/condo (5)
* House (6)
* Other (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q9 In which neighbourhood of Vancouver or municipality of Greater Vancouver do you live?

* Downtown (1)
* West End (2)
* Strathcona (3)
* Grandview-Woodland (4)
* UBC/West Point Grey (5)
* Kitsilano (6)
* Fairview (7)
* Mount Pleasant (8)
* Dunbar-Southlands (9)
* Arbutus-Ridge (10)
* Shaughnessy (11)
* South Cambie (12)
* Riley Park (13)
* Kensington-Cedar Cottage (14)
* Renfrew-Collingwood (15)
* Kerrisdale (16)
* Oakridge (17)
* Marpole (18)
* Sunset (19)
* Victoria-Fraserview (20)
* Killarney (21)
* North Vancouver (22)
* West Vancouver (23)
* Burnaby (24)
* Richmond (25)
* Surrey (26)
* White Rock (27)
* Coquitlam (28)
* Delta (29)
* Langley (30)
* New Westminster (31)
* Port Moody (32)
* Port Coquitlam (33)
* Maple Ridge (35)
* Other (36)

Q10 Do you live with other adults?

* Partner/spouse (1)
* Roommate(s) (2)
* Parent(s) (3)
* Sibling(s) (4)
* Other relative (5)
* I do not live with other people (6)
* Other (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q12 Do you live with dependents?

* Children (yours or someone else's) (1)
* Dependent adult(s) (2)
* No (3)

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Q13 How many pets do you have?

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Q14 What type of animal(s) do you have? Choose all that apply.

* Dog (1)
* Cat (2)
* Rabbit (3)
* Rat/mouse (4)
* Other small mammal (5)
* Bird (6)
* Reptile (7)
* Other (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

End of Block: Demographics

Start of Block: Drug Use

Q15 *The following section will ask you some questions on your drug use and your experience with related stigmas.  
  
Please keep in mind this definition of drugs when you are answering the following questions: any substance that induces an altered state of consciousness and that is consumed without medical supervision/in a non-medical or non-religious context. This includes marijuana and medically-prescribed drugs used in ways other than as prescribed. This does not include alcohol or tobacco.*

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Q16 Which of the following best describes your drug use frequency over the past **six months**?

* I have used drugs once or twice in the past six months (2)
* I have used drugs once or twice a month for the past six months (3)
* I use drugs once a week (4)
* I use drugs multiple times a week (5)
* I use drugs every day (6)
* I use drugs multiple times a day (7)

Q18 Please select from the following list all the drugs you have used in the past six months.

* Cannabis (1)
* Hallucinogens (ex. LSD, magic mushrooms, MDMA/ecstacy) (2)
* Amphetamines (ex. speed, meth) (3)
* Depressants (ex. benzos, barbiturates) (4)
* Cocaine, crack (5)
* Inhalants (ex. aerosol sprays, glue, gasoline) (6)
* Opioids (7)
* Steroids (8)
* Other (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q19 Please select from the following list all the ways in which you use these drugs.

* Smoking/inhalation (1)
* Snorting (2)
* Injection (3)
* Oral consumption (4)
* Other (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q20 In the last six months, were you given a prescription by a health care provider for prescribed pain relievers or tranquilizers (for example, oxycodone, morphine, Xanax, Valium, etc.) that you used for non-medical reasons or to get high?

* Yes (please specify) (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* No (2)

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Q21 Please select from the following list the primary locations where you use drugs.

* At home (1)
* At a friend's, partner's, or relative's home (2)
* Outside or in a public place (3)
* At a safe injection site (4)
* Other (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If Q10 != I do not live with other people

Q22 Do other people in your current household use drugs?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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If Q12 = Children (yours or someone else's)

Or Q12 = Dependent adult(s)

Q24 If you live with dependents, how concerned are you that they might accidentally find and/or consume your drugs?

* Not at all concerned (1)
* Somewhat concerned (2)
* Moderately concerned (3)
* Quite concerned (4)
* Extremely concerned (5)

Q25 Do you have any measures in place to prevent anyone from accessing your drugs? This can include children (yours or someone else's), other adults, or animals.

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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Q23 Please describe the measures you use to prevent others from accessing your drugs:

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Q27 Please state how much you agree with the following statements about your experience with discrimination related to your drug use.

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (4) | Somewhat agree (6) | Strongly agree (7) |
| My friends and family reject me or treat me unfairly because I use drugs. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| People at my workplace reject me or treat me unfairly because I use drugs. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Service employees (ex. retail, food, law enforcement, public transit etc.) reject me or treat me unfairly because I use drugs. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hospital and health care staff reject me or treat me unfairly because I use drugs. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The general public rejects me or treats me unfairly because I use drugs. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q28 Please state how much you agree with the following statements about your experiences accessing services.

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat agree (4) | Strongly agree (5) |
| I have faced barriers finding housing because I use drugs. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have faced barriers accessing social services because I use drugs. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have faced barriers accessing health care services because I use drugs. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| In order to check survey engagement, please select Somewhat disagree. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have faced barriers finding employment because I use drugs. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q29 Please state how much you agree with the following statements about your experiences when accessing health care services specifically.

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|  | Never (1) | Sometimes (2) | About half the time (3) | Most of the time (4) | Always (5) |
| I experience discrimination when accessing health care for drug use-related concerns. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I put off accessing health care because I'm worried about being judged for my drug use. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I hide information about my drug use when accessing health care. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I go to a community-based organization to access health care rather than a clinic or a hospital. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel like my health concerns are not taken seriously. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am fearful that I will be reported to an authority. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q31 Open-ended question.  
  
This is an opportunity for you to share additional details about what stigmas or challenges you may face in your everyday life relating to substance use that you feel are relevant to the survey.

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End of Block: Drug Use

Start of Block: Pet poisoning

Q32 *The following section aims to find out what stigmas owners face when accessing veterinary care in specific emergencies where a pet has accidentally ingested drugs. You will be re-directed to a survey based on whether this has happened to you before or not.****Option 1*** *is intended for people who have not experienced this type of animal emergency. You will be answering questions about barriers and expected stigmas based on an imaginary scenario.****Option 2*** *is intended for people who have experienced this type of animal emergency. You will be answering questions that explore what happened in this situation, including the barriers and stigmas you may have faced. If you are in this group, but do not feel comfortable re-visiting this past situation or disclosing this information, you are welcome to complete Option 1.*

Q33 Which option applies to you?

* Option 1: I have not experienced an animal emergency where my pet has accidentally ingested drugs. (1)
* Option 2: I have experienced an animal emergency where my pet has accidentally ingested drugs. (2)

End of Block: Pet poisoning

Start of Block: Option 1: No experience with an accidental pet drug poisoning.

Q34 *Before answering the following questions, please think of the drug you use most frequently, or one that you feel knowledgeable about. Keep this drug in mind while answering.*  
Specify that drug here:

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Q35 *Now, please think of the following scenario: one or more of your animals has accidentally consumed the drug you just identified and is displaying irregular behaviour, and you are concerned. This could be yours or someone else’s drugs.   
  
When answering the following questions, please answer as honestly as you can. We understand that circumstances vary for everyone. There are no right or wrong answers to any of the questions.*

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Q36 How concerned are you that your animal may be poisoned by accidentally ingesting drugs?

* Not at all concerned (1)
* Somewhat concerned (2)
* Moderately concerned (3)
* Quite concerned (4)
* Extremely concerned (5)

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Q37 Please state how much you agree with the following statements about your confidence in an accidental pet drug poisoning emergency.

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Somewhat agree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat agree (4) | Strongly agree (5) |
| I feel confident in my knowledge of how to handle this emergency. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel confident identifying the symptoms of a potential drug poisoning in my animal(s). (2) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q39 Rank the following services in order of how likely you would access them in this pet emergency from MOST likely to LEAST likely by dragging the selections up or down.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Go to an emergency animal hospital (1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Go to a local veterinary clinic (2)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Call a veterinary clinic or hospital (3)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Call an animal poison information line (ex. APSCA Animal Poison Control) (4)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Call a non-animal poison hotline (ex. BC Drug and Poison Information Center) (5)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Call a drug overdose helpline (ex. National overdose response service) (6)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Go to a community-based organization (ex. VanCity OPS) (7)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Research treatment online or treat your animal at home (8)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Wait and monitor symptoms/no immediate action (9)

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Q40 Which of the following options would play a role in your choice of treatment? Select all that apply.

* It is open/available at the time of the emergency (1)
* It is convenient/close by (2)
* I have a prior relationship with the veterinarian or healthcare staff (3)
* I DO NOT have a prior relationship with the veterinarian of health care staff (4)
* I am confident in the veterinary or health care staff knowledge of the situation (5)
* The cost of the treatment (6)
* Other (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Q41 How concerned would you be that you would be turned away from veterinary treatment because of your drug use?

* Not at all concerned (1)
* Somewhat concerned (2)
* Moderately concerned (3)
* Quite concerned (4)
* Extremely concerned (5)

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Q42 Please state how much you agree with the following statements about your willingness to provide information to veterinary staff.

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat agree (4) | Strongly agree (5) |
| You would expect yourself to hide information from veterinary staff about the nature of the substance the animal had consumed. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| You would expect yourself to hide information from veterinary staff about how the animal could have gotten ahold of the substance. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| You would expect to need to justify yourself to the veterinary staff upon revealing the nature of the substance. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q44 "I would be willing to disclose information about the substance my animal consumed if it were ..."

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat agree (4) | Strongly agree (5) |
| A household product (ex. cleaning products, insecticide) (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| A food toxic to animals (ex. chocolate, avocado) (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pharmaceuticals (ex. Tylenol, prescription medication) (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alcohol or tobacco (9) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cannabis (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hallucinogens (ex. magic mushrooms) (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Opioids (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amphetamines (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cocaine (8) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q46 Please state how much you agree with the following statements about your concerns accessing veterinary treatment.

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat agree (4) | Strongly agree (5) |
| I would be concerned that the veterinary staff might judge me for my drug use. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would be concerned that the veterinary staff might not take my emergency seriously. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would be concerned that the veterinary staff might deem me an unfit owner. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would be concerned that the veterinary staff might accuse me of engaging in animal cruelty. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would be concerned that the veterinary staff might take away my animal. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would be concerned that the veterinary staff might report me to the authorities or social services. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would be concerned that I would receive a lecture from veterinary staff about my drug use/other health habits. (7) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q47 If you were to access some kind of veterinary treatment (at a clinic or via a helpline), what are some things that veterinary staff could do to make the experience safe for you? Choose all that apply.

* Using respectful language (ie. avoiding terms like "addict", "junkie", etc.) (1)
* Avoiding non-incriminatory questions (ex. "Were these your drugs?") (2)
* Emphasizing a commitment to helping your animal (3)
* Discussing patient-vet confidentiality (4)
* Maintaining a friendly, non-judgmental demeanor (5)
* Providing assurance that accidents happen, that it was not your fault (6)
* Being knowledgeable about drugs and their effects (7)
* Other (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Q48 *This is an opportunity to write anything here that you felt the questions did not allow for you to say regarding any fears you might have or barriers you might face when trying to access care for your pet in a drug poisoning emergency.*

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End of Block: Option 1: No experience with an accidental pet drug poisoning.

Start of Block: Option 2: Prior experience with an accidental pet drug poisoning.

Q54 *Please think of a situation in the past where one or more of your animals had accidentally consumed drugs and was displaying irregular behaviour. This could have been yours or someone else’s drugs.   
  
When answering the following questions, please answer as honestly as you can. We understand that circumstances vary for everyone. There are no right or wrong answers to any of the questions.*

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If Q4 != Yes (question not displayed for any respondents)

Q66 What was the drug that your pet ingested?

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Q67 How many times has your pet accidentally consumed drugs?

* Once (2)
* 2-5 times (3)
* 6-9 times (4)
* 10+ times (5)

Display This Question:

If Q67 != Once

Q95 Please select from the following list all the drugs your animal has accidentally consumed.

* Cannabis (1)
* Hallucinogens (ex. LSD, magic mushrooms, MDMA/ecstacy) (2)
* Amphetamines (ex. speed, meth) (3)
* Depressants (ex. benzos, barbuturates) (4)
* Cocaine, crack (5)
* Inhalants (ex. aerosol sprays, glue, gasoline) (6)
* Opioids (7)
* Steroids (8)
* Other (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q102 Think of the most recent (or only) time this occurred. Use this event to answer the rest of the questions.  
  
Please select from the following list which type of drug your animal had accidentally consumed.

* Cannabis (1)
* Hallucinogens (ex. LSD, magic mushrooms, MDMA/ecstacy) (2)
* Amphetamines (ex. speed, meth) (3)
* Depressants (ex. benzos, barbuturates) (4)
* Cocaine, crack (5)
* Inhalants (ex. aerosol sprays, glue, gasoline) (6)
* Opioids (7)
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Q93 Please state how much you agree with the following statements about your confidence in this accidental pet drug poisoning emergency.

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat agree (4) | Strongly agree (5) |
| I felt confident in my knowledge of this type of emergency when it occurred for the first time. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I felt confident identifying the symptoms of a drug poisoning in my animal(s). (2) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q58 What was the **first thing** you did in this situation?

* Waited and monitored symptoms/no immediate action (9)
* Researched treatment online and/or treat your animal at home (8)
* Went to a community-based organization (ex. VanCity OPS) (7)
* Called an animal poison information line (ex. APSCA Animal Poison Control) (4)
* Called a non-animal poison hotline (ex. BC Drug and Poison Information Center) (5)
* Called a drug overdose helpline (ex. National overdose response service) (6)
* Called a veterinary clinic or hospital (3)
* Went to a local veterinary clinic (2)
* Went to an emergency animal hospital (1)

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Q68 What treatment did you end up accessing for your pet?

* Treated at the vet/veterinary hospital (1)
* Treated at home with advice from a veterinarian (2)
* Treated at home without advice from a veterinarian (3)
* Treated at a community-based organization (4)
* No treatment (5)
* Compassionate euthanasia (6)
* Other (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

End of Block: Option 2: Prior experience with an accidental pet drug poisoning.

Start of Block: Option 2 sub yes veterinary treatment

Q59 Why did you choose that treatment?

* It was open/available at the time of the emergency (1)
* It was convenient/close by (2)
* I had a prior relationship with the veterinarian or healthcare staff (3)
* I DID NOT have a prior relationship with the veterinarian of healthcare staff (4)
* I was confident in the veterinary or healthcare staff knowledge of the situation (5)
* The cost of the treatment (6)
* Other (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q60 Were you turned away from one or more of the clinics that you took your pet to because of your drug use?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q61 Please state how much you agree with the following statements about your willingness to provide information to veterinary staff.

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat agree (4) | Strongly agree (5) |
| I felt like I needed to hide information about the nature of the substance my animal ingested. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I felt like I needed to defend myself upon revealing the nature of the substance. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I felt like I needed to hide information about how my animal got access to the drug. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q96 I would be willing to disclose information about the substance my animal consumed if it had been \_\_\_\_\_\_

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat agree (4) | Strongly agree (5) |
| A household product (ex. cleaning products, insecticide) (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| A food toxic to animals (ex. chocolate, avocado) (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pharmaceuticals (ex. Tylenol, prescription medication) (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alcohol or tobacco (9) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cannabis (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hallucinogens (ex. magic mushrooms) (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Opioids (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Amphetamines (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cocaine (8) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q70 How would you rank your overall experience accessing veterinary care in this emergency situation?

* Extremely bad (7)
* Somewhat bad (8)
* Neither good nor bad (9)
* Somewhat good (10)
* Extremely good (11)

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Q65 Please state how much you agree with the following statements about your experience accessing veterinary care in this emergency situation.

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat agree (4) | Strongly agree (5) |
| I felt judged or discriminated against by veterinary staff. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The veterinary staff expressed or implied that I was an unfit owner. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I felt like veterinary staff took my emergency seriously. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The veterinary staff expressed concerns of me engaging in animal cruelty. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Veterinary staff expressed intent to take away my animal. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Veterinary staff expressed intent to report me to the authorities or to rehabilitation treatment. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Veterinary staff addressed me respectfully. (8) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Veterinary staff lectured me about my drug use/other health habits. (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I felt reassured that veterinary staff had mine and my pet's best interest in mind. (10) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q66 What could veterinary staff have done to make the experience safer or better for you?

* Using respectful language (ie. avoiding terms like "addict", "junkie", etc.) (1)
* Avoiding non-incriminatory questions (ex. "Were these your drugs?") (2)
* Emphasizing a commitment to helping your animal (3)
* Discussing patient-vet confidentiality (4)
* Maintaining a friendly, non-judgmental demeanor (5)
* Providing assurance that accidents happen, that it was not your fault (6)
* Being knowledgeable about drugs and their effects (7)
* Other (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Q71 Please state how much you agree with the following statement:   
  
"I would be confident  in my knowledge of this type of emergency if it were to happen again."

* Strongly disagree (6)
* Somewhat disagree (7)
* Neither agree nor disagree (8)
* Somewhat agree (9)
* Strongly agree (10)

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Q67 *If you are comfortable, please expand on your experience, being as specific as possible, including questions you were asked, information you were given, obstacles you faced, etc. Alternatively, you can use this space to provide any additional information you feel the questions did not allow you to express.*

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End of Block: Option 2 sub yes veterinary treatment

Start of Block: Option 2 sub no veterinary treatment

Q84 Why did you choose not to access veterinary treatment?

* The cost of the treatment (1)
* Fear of judgement or discrimination (2)
* Fear of having your animal taken away (3)
* Fear of criminal punishment (4)
* Confidence in your knowledge and ability to handle the emergency (5)
* Mistrust of or past negative experiences with veterinary services (6)
* Unable to physically access the treatment (7)
* Other (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Q88 If a fear of discrimination or loss of your animal prevented you from accessing some kind of veterinary treatment (at a clinic or via a helpline), what might veterinary staff be able to do to make the experience safe for you?

* Using respectful language (ie. avoiding terms like "addict", "junkie", etc.) (1)
* Avoiding non-incriminatory questions (ex. "Were these your drugs?") (2)
* Emphasizing a commitment to helping your animal (3)
* Discussing patient-vet confidentiality (4)
* Maintaining a friendly, non-judgmental demeanor (5)
* Providing assurance that accidents happen, that it was not your fault (6)
* Being knowledgeable about drugs and their effects (7)
* Other (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* NA/Other barriers were more significant (9)

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Q89 *If you are comfortable, please expand on your experience, being as specific as possible, including questions you were asked, information you were given, obstacles you faced, etc. Alternatively, you can use this space to provide any additional information you feel the questions did not allow you to express.*

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End of Block: Option 2 sub no veterinary treatment

Start of Block: Naloxone-Specific Section

Q72 *This segment is to identify the frequency of opioid-specific drug poisonings and owner knowledge of this type of emergency.  
  
Disclaimer: the research team visited several veterinary offices to ask about the safety of using naloxone to treat opioid poisoning in animals. Answers varied between veterinarians. Thus, we cannot make any comments about the use of nalaxone in pets.*

Q73 Do you carry Naloxone?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q74 Have you ever used Naloxone on someone else who was experiencing opioid poisoning?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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Q75 Please state how much you agree with the following statements about your confidence in an opioid poisoning emergency.

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat agree (4) | Strongly agree (5) |
| I feel confident identifying the signs of opioid poisoning in a human. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel confident identifying the signs of opioid poisoning in an animal. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q77 Have you ever seen, or heard of, someone else giving Naloxone to their pet?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q78 Have you ever used Naloxone on an animal that was experiencing opioid poisoning?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

End of Block: Naloxone-Specific Section

Start of Block: Creation of a resource

Q79 *The following questions are to identify the need for a resource for pet owners to equip them to deal with accidental pet drug poisoning emergencies. We want to know what might be important to include into the resource and what we may need more research on.*

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Q80 How interested would you be in a resource that informs pet owners on how to deal with accidental pet drug poisoning emergencies?

* Not at all interested (1)
* Somewhat interested (6)
* Moderately interested (7)
* Quite interested (8)
* Extremely interested (9)

Q81 What kind of information would you want to see in this resource?

* How different drugs might affect your animal and what treatment should be accessed for each type of drug (1)
* How to identify signs and symptoms of drug poisoning in animals for different drugs (2)
* Who to contact in a drug-related pet emergency (3)
* Financial support resources for pet owners (4)
* Emotional support resources for pet owners (5)
* Other (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q82 Where would it be useful to share this information?

* Veterinary clinics and hospitals (1)
* Community-based organizations (2)
* Housing/social service locations (3)
* Safe injection sites/harm reduction service locations (4)
* Human health care service locations (5)
* Pet stores (6)
* Other (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

End of Block: Creation of a resource

Start of Block: Draw

Q100 Are you interested in participating in a draw for one of four $25 gift cards? By clicking "Yes" you will be re-directed to a separate survey where you can enter your email.

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

End of Block: Draw