

### 1. Do you lease or tend to a plot in the Eagle Heights Garden Area or in the University Houses Gardens Area?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Eagle Heights	102	79%
2	University Houses	26	20%
3	Both	0	0%
4	Neither	1	1%
	Total	129	100%

### 2. For how many years have you leased or tended your garden plot?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	this was my first year	29	23%
2	two years	24	19%
3	three years	22	17%
4	more than three years	52	41%
	Total	127	100%

### 3. How frequently do you visit your Garden Plot during gardening season?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	More than three times per week	31	24%
2	average of twice per week	47	37%
3	Average of once per week	48	38%
4	a few times per year	1	1%
5	not at all	0	0%
	Total	127	100%

#### 4. How frequently do you visit other areas of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	More than three times per week	6	5%
2	average of twice per week	9	7%
3	Average of once per week	25	20%
4	a few times per year	80	63%
5	not at all	6	5%
	Total	126	100%

#### 5. Tell us how you feel about dogs on leash in the Eagle Heights Garden. Indicate which of the following options most closely describes your viewpoint.

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Support (This is a good thing --I like it -- I feel safe.)	70	56%
2	Neutral (I'm not really affected by this behavior.)	42	33%
3	Oppose (This concerns me - - I don't like this--I feel unsafe)	11	9%
4	No opinion (I just don't know enough about this to say.)	3	2%
	Total	126	100%

**6. Tell us how you feel about dogs off leash in the Eagle Heights Garden. Indicate which of the following options most closely describes your viewpoint.**

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Support (This is a good thing --I like it -- I feel safe.)	12	10%
2	Neutral (I'm not really affected by this behavior.)	26	21%
3	Oppose (This concerns me - I don't like this--I feel unsafe.)	85	67%
4	No opinion (I just don't know enough about this to say.)	3	2%
Total		126	100%

## 7. Please elaborate if you have any further opinions or experiences with dogs in the Eagle Heights Garden

### Text Response

Owners need to be responsible....categorical exclusion of dogs is a bad thing, but those who do not control their dogs must be held accountable.

my biggest concern is stepping in dog shit

Dogs off leash were one of the reasons we put up a small fence on the road side of our plot

We don't own a dog but my daughter loves seeing other people's dogs.

for safety and sanitation, all dogs should be on leash and owners MUST pick up all feces

Dog poop or urine may contaminate vegetables and people should at least put a leash on them.

I haven't encountered unleashed dogs at the gardens this year, but I have walking along the lakeshore area. I really do NOT like it.

I've never seen any! Perhaps I'm there at the wrong time of day...

I have dogs as well but some people may be afraid or the dogs can get into the gardens and mess up the beds etc. so I think dogs off the leash does not sound appropriate but I don't see a problem with dogs on the leash.

I have been chased by offleash dogs in the preserve while the owners looked on -- this is not a dog park and I felt very unsafe

We recently got a dog that isn't trained to be off the leash, so we pretty much can't bring him to the Gardens. It's rather challenging to garden while holding a leash. Off-leash dogs are totally fine if they're well trained, but I don't have a good suggestion for how to deal with owners who haven't trained their dogs well.

I would not like to have dogs running through my plot. I would especially not like dogs pooping in my plot

I don't mind dogs off leashes as long as they are well behaved, stay near owners and don't dig or poo in other's gardens.

Dogs are terrible gardeners!

If you decide to ban dogs, you need some way of enforcing this rule. I just don't see anyone volunteering to do this. If you are able to get volunteers, then why not focus on garden theft which is a much bigger problem.

dogs should be on leash - we have a dog and she is friendly but others [internationals] don't know this and could scare them

I strongly support dogs being allowed in the garden; I've only had positive experiences w/ my neighbors' dogs. That said, dogs should be leashed within the garden boundaries as I know some people feel uncomfortable around dogs.

I'm mildly concerned about safety. I'm a dog person, but not everyone knows how to behave around dogs. In addition, dogs off leash can threaten other dogs, especially those ON a leash. I also have concerns about unleashed dogs getting into garden plots. However, I really don't want dogs to be banned from the gardens. I think they bring joy and fun.

dogs off leash have done damage to my garden.

Dogs on and off leash are pooping in paths and owners not picking up. Problem is owners who are negligent

I don't have a problem with dogs that are off-leash as long as they are under control. That being said, I don't think dogs should be allowed off-leash in the gardens because you will always get a few people who think they control their dog, but don't. On-leash dogs are fine.

I support dogs being allowed in EHG. I have no preference for leash/no leash, but if a leash makes others feel safe, I support leashed animals.

I take my dog to the garden all the time and have never had anyone comment negatively. He is well behaved and sits quietly while I am working.

I would have worded the question about dogs off leash differently. For me it's not about feeling unsafe, but dogs trampling plants, etc.

I think Dogs should be welcome in the preserve, especially for use of the trails surrounding the garden. In particular, my dog really enjoys spending time hanging out with me in my plot.

However, I do not think that dogs should be allowed off leash, as I think that there will likely be some people who abuse this privilege (or allow their dogs to do so) my letting them run into other peoples' plots. Obviously, dogs allowed in the park should be friendly towards humans and other animals. I think owners should be warned that if their dog is aggressive towards someone, they will be asked not to bring their dogs back.

Most dogs I see at the Eagle Heights gardens are well-behaved, on or off leash. I've been here 5 years and have never had a problem. I'm in the 1300s.

I think the lakeshore is good for walking dogs and strongly support it.

I don't feel personally unsafe, I just worry about my garden. Dogs can run over things and defecate.

Dogs disturb/harass wildlife. Additionally dog owners are not good enough about cleaning up the dog feces. For these two reasons I feel dogs should be leashed or excluded from Lakeshore Preserve including both garden areas.

I feel that owners know whether their dog can behave off leash, so I trust their judgment. I've witnessed only a couple incidents of someone complaining to another person for bringing a dog to the garden, and both times the dog was on leash and very far from the complainer's plot.

These complaints seemed like an overreaction.

I see no problem with dogs that are on-leash and appropriately supervised. I like to see people enjoying time with their dogs outside!

Dogs are great, cats are great, squirrels are great, all animals are great, let them enjoy themselves!

in my opinion, it's always ok for people to bring their dog in the garden as long as they're on leash. From my experience working with animals, I believe animals tend to have unexpected temperament, sometimes they do get excited spontaneously. so, I think it's better for the owner to leash their dog. better safe than sorry.

I visit the garden with my child and I want her to feel comfortable around the area. Having a dog off leash makes her uncomfortable.

The only concern I would have is dogs chasing and killing the turkeys, cranes and other wildlife around the gardens.

I feel like it's a nice area for a dog and owner to enjoy the beauties of the garden, provided, of course, the dogs' "business" is cleaned up.

Dogs off-leash should be an offense punishable with dismissal ie getting kicked out of the gardens.

There are little children around, sometimes minimally supervised. In the off chance of a dog attacking the children it would be very awful.

I don't think dogs running loose is a good idea. Many people are afraid of dogs or have young children that could be knocked down...

I have never been negatively impacted by dogs in Eagle Heights garden, and quite frankly have seen children wander through other peoples plots.

I would not garden at Eagle Heights or visit the Preserve if I could not bring my leashed dog not a problem for me

When you refer to Eagle Heights, I assume you are including UHouses Gardens as well. I have noticed more and more dogs - off leash - over the years. Just today there were two dogs & two people coming down the hill from the Nature Preserve. Dogs were running off-leash through the gardens. Yesterday I observed a woman with a shepard allowing the dog to run through the A run of plots. She then continued on throwing a frisbee to the dog, etc. The gardens and the Preserve are simply dog parks by another name. I have confronted owners many times when

they walk through the gardens to continue up the hill through the Preserve. They see this as "their" dog run. I have observed many times dogs running through garden plots and owners simply allowing it. There should be NO dogs in the gardens whether on leash or off. I have found dog poop on the walk ways, in the garden, etc. I cannot, nor do I want to, control the wild life, but house pets have no business there.

Like having dogs around, but on leash so they aren't running about or peeing on plants.

Been bit twice

I know there are some owners who can and do control their dogs off leash, but I think it should be policy to keep them on leash. I can't say that a dog has ever bothered me at Eagle Heights, though.

Have not had experience with dogs being off leash. I brought my dogs to the garden once and it was hard to garden.

Dogs with responsible owners should be a welcome part of the community.

This is not a dog park. Dogs on a leash is a liberal policy in itself. If dog owners abuse this accommodation they maybe should lose all privileges. But then good luck enforcing the rule. In Madison, I've been to parks that forbid dogs or required dogs on leashes. No one follows the rules. I am particularly concerned about the gardens. The paths are narrow, so even with leashes, dogs could still wander into plots, especially the edges. Sure, some people would be really good at keeping their dogs out, but others wouldn't care much as evidenced all over Madison's parks. It's best to just say no to dogs in the garden.

I am not concerend about gardeners who bring dogs to the garden, but visitors who use the garden as a dog park and not picking up after their dogs need to be waned.

I have no experience but believe dogs should be on a leash unless there is an area unoccupied by people other than the owner for everyone's safety and comfort.

This is a fruit, vegetable and herb garden, for human consumption. Dogs should be banned out of pure hygienic considerations.

I have not had any problems. I would not want them off leash, however, not just because of potential damage to the garden, but because I bring my kids with me to the garden, one of whom fears dogs.

My dog is deceased but while I had him I enjoyed long walks with him to the garden. He was onleash and loved the opportunity to be outside with me in the garden.

I've seen animal prints in my plot - I don't want them in my plot. I don't like dogs off leash.

I see very dogs in the garden and they are always on leash. No problem . I think there is a cultural issue here with some gardeners who are not use to and have a fear of dogs. Dogs owners should be made aware of this. But if there has been no incidents, then leave well enough alone.

I have never had any negative experiences with dogs or dog poop in the garden. However, I understand how dogs being off leash could be a big problem in the garden area.

Dogs should be allowed, but leashes are necessary

Dogs need to be on leash at all times

I would not want the dog to poop anywhere in the garden

I think any well-behaved dogs should be a welcome addition to the Eagle Heights community.

Dogs should never be allowed to jump on people or allowed to go into other peoples gardens.

Dog owners who can control their dogs and clean up after them should be welcomed.

I like being able to share the gardening experience with my dog. With as often as we're there, it's nice to have her with and not stuck at home. Our neighbor's plot also has a dog that shows up, and both pretty much just sit in the plot wherever we tie their leashes.

Dogs not on the leash cannot be controlled by the owners and may foul gardens and dig up plants

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	64

### 9. What is your affiliation, if any, with the University of Wisconsin - Madison?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Student	28	22%
2	faculty/Staff	44	35%
3	former student or faculty/staff	38	30%
4	not affiliated	17	13%
	Total	127	100%

### 10. Is English your first language?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	102	80%
2	No	25	20%
	Total	127	100%

### 11. What is your age?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	30 years old or less	35	28%
2	31-40	31	24%
3	41-50	17	13%
4	51-60	15	12%
5	61 years or older	29	23%
	Total	127	100%

		Is English your first language?		
		Yes	No	Total
Tell us how you feel about dogs on leash in the Eagle Heights Garden. Indicate which of the follo...	Support (This is a good thing --I like it -- I feel safe.)	61	9	70
	Neutral (I'm not really affected by this behavior.)	30	12	42
	Oppose (This concerns me -- I don't like this--I feel unsafe)	8	3	11
	No opinion (I just don't know enough about this to say.)	2	1	3
	Total	101	25	126

		What is your age?					Total
		30 years old or less	31-40	41-50	51-60	61 years or older	
Tell us how you feel about dogs on leash in the Eagle Heights Garden. Indicate which of the follo...	Support (This is a good thing --I like it -- I feel safe.)	23	14	8	7	18	70
	Neutral (I'm not really affected by this behavior.)	10	13	6	6	7	42
	Oppose (This concerns me -- I don't like this--I feel unsafe)	2	3	2	1	3	11
	No opinion (I just don't know enough about this to say.)	0	0	1	1	1	3
	Total	35	30	17	15	29	126

		How frequently do you visit other areas of the Lakeshore					Total
		More than three times per week	average of twice per week	Average of once per week	a few times per year	not at all	
Tell us how you feel about dogs on leash in the Eagle Heights Garden. Indicate which of the follo...	Support (This is a good thing --I like it -- I feel safe.)	5	7	11	44	2	69
	Neutral (I'm not really affected by this behavior.)	0	2	11	26	3	42
	Oppose (This concerns me -- I don't like this--I feel unsafe)	1	0	2	7	1	11
	No opinion (I just don't know enough about this to say.)	0	0	1	2	0	3
	Total	6	9	25	79	6	125