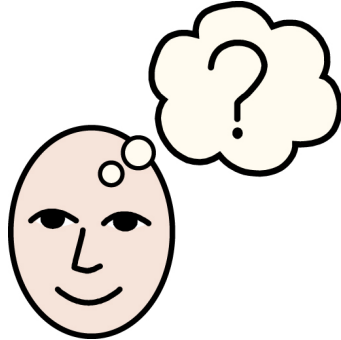


## Study Information Sheet: Animal Behaviour and Research Questionnaire (A-BARQ)

Hello. Our names are Paul McGreevy and Kate Fenner.



We are doing a research study to find out more about how animals behave and how we house and train animals.

We are asking you to be in our study because you own or care for an animal.

You can decide if you want to take part in the study or not.

You don't have to - it's up to you.

This sheet tells you what we will ask you to do if you decide to take part in the study. Please read it carefully so that you can make up your mind about whether you want to take part.

If you decide you want to be in the study and then you change your mind later, that's ok. All you need to do is tell us that you don't want to be in the study anymore.

If you have any questions, you can ask us or your family or someone else who looks after you. If you want to, you can call us any time on +61 2 9351 2810.

### What will happen if I say that I want to be in the study?

If you decide that you want to be in our study, we will ask you to:

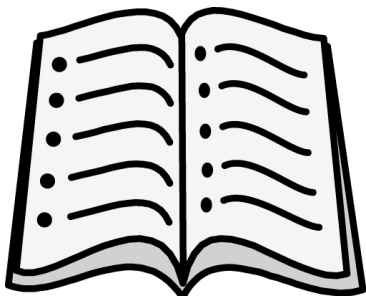
- Tell us about your animal
- We'll ask you questions about how your animal behaves and how you look after your animal
- Once you've answered the questions, you will get a graph that shows you how your animal behaves compared to other animals
- If you would like to, you can come back again and answer the questions and see whether your animal's behaviour has changed

When we ask you questions, you can choose which ones you want to answer. If you don't want to talk about something, that's ok. You can stop answering at any time if you don't want to talk to us anymore.

If you'd like to, you can upload some photographs of your horse. Please be sure that your photos only include your horse and that *you are not in your photos*. You will be shown what should be in the three photos (one of your horse's face from the side,

one from the front and one of your whole horse standing without a saddle). You don't have to upload photos, it's up to you.

### **Will anyone else know what I say in the study?**



We won't tell anyone else what you say when you answer the questions about your animal

All of the information that we have about you from the study will be stored in a safe place and we will look after it very carefully. We will write a report about the study and show it to other people but we won't say your name in the report and no one will know that you were in the study, unless you tell them yourself or tell us that it's ok for us to say your name.

### **How long will the study take?**



The questions should take you about 20 to 30 minutes to complete. You can go away and come back if you don't have much time. We will keep your place and your answers from earlier will be stored.

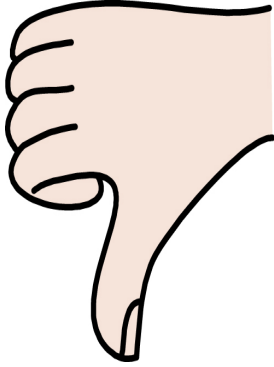
### **Are there any good things about being in the study?**



The best thing you'll get from taking part in this study is getting to know your animal even better. By answering the questions, it gives you the chance to really think about your animal.

Your results graph will also help you understand your animal and know whether your animal is similar to other animals in different ways.

### **Are there any bad things about being in the study?**



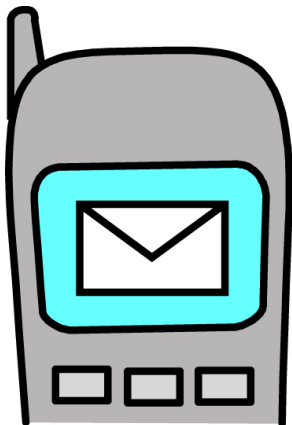
This study will take up some of your time, but we don't think it will be bad for you or cost you anything.

If you find that your animal has a low score on something in your results, it's a good idea to ask your parent or guardian how you might improve this score and help your animal.

***Will you tell me what you learnt in the study at the end?***

Yes, we will if you want us to. Results from the study will be published on the website where you accessed the study. The results of the study will be kept safely at the university forever. If you, or your parent/guardian, have an email address, you might like to sign up to sign up to the newsletter – you can do that on your Results page.

### **What if I am not happy with the study or the people doing the study?**



If you are not happy with how we are doing the study or how we treat you, then you or the person who looks after you can:

- Within Australia, call the university on +61 2 8627 8176 or
- Write an **email** to [human.ethics@sydney.edu.au](mailto:human.ethics@sydney.edu.au)

**This sheet is for you to keep.**