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Aging-in-place with pets: Is pet-ownership relevant to social participation and life satisfaction for older adults in Canada?

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Ann Toohey is a doctoral candidate in the Population & Public Health stream of the University of Calgary's Department of Community Health Sciences. With a focus on gerontology and human-animal studies, Ann's doctoral research program explores older adults' experiences of aging-in-place with companion animals (pets). More than 30% of older Canadians have a household pet that provides companionship. Yet consideration for the relationships older people have with companion animals is virtually absent from policies and practices to promote aging-in-place, including the WHO Age-Friendly Cities movement. This presentation will include preliminary findings on associations between different measures of social participation and satisfaction with life in the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA). Specifically, the webinar will explore whether and how pets influence these associations, and then will consider the implications for organized efforts to promote aging-in-place.

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