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**INFORMATION SHEET**  
**for**  
**PARTICIPANTS**

I wish to invite you to participate in my research project, described below.

My name is Jessica Sparkes and I am conducting this research as part of my PhD in the School of Environmental and Rural Science at the University of New England. My supervisors are Dr Wendy Brown, Dr Peter Fleming and Dr Guy Ballard.

<b>Research Project</b>	<b>Hunting dog movements in Australia</b>
<b>Aim of the research</b>	To understand the extent of hunting dog use in Australia and the distances hunters move their dogs for hunting purposes.
<b>Survey</b>	I would like you to complete the survey attached. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.
<b>Confidentiality</b>	Any information or personal details gathered in the course of the study will remain confidential. No individual will be identified by name in any publication of the results.
<b>Participation is Voluntary</b>	Your involvement in this study is voluntary and I respect your right to withdraw from the study at any time. You may discontinue the survey at any time without consequence and you do not need to provide any explanation if you decide not to participate or withdraw at any time.
<b>Questions</b>	The survey questions are not of a sensitive nature. Rather they are general, aiming to enable you to enhance my knowledge of the extent of hunting dog use in Australia.
<b>Use of information</b>	I will use information from the survey as part of my doctoral thesis, which I expect to complete in 2015. Information from the survey may also be used in journal articles and conference presentations before and after this date. I may use quotes anonymously from the survey in publications and presentations but only when agreed to by the participant. At all times, I will safeguard your identity by presenting the information in way that will not allow you to be identified.
<b>Upsetting issues</b>	It is unlikely that this research will raise any personal or upsetting issues but if it does you may wish to contact Lifeline (13 11 14).
<b>Storage of information</b>	I will keep electronic data on a password protected computer in the same school. Only the research team will have access to the data.

**Disposal of information**

All the data collected in this research will be kept for a minimum of five years after successful submission of my thesis.

**Approval**

This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of New England (Approval No HE13-146, Valid to 11/07/2014).

**Contact details**

Feel free to contact me with any questions about this research by email at [jparke4@une.edu.au](mailto:jparke4@une.edu.au) or by phone on 02 6738 8501.

You may also contact my supervisors. My Principal supervisors name is Dr Wendy Brown and she can be contacted at [wbrown@une.edu.au](mailto:wbrown@une.edu.au) or 02 6773 5125. My Co-supervisors names are Dr Peter Fleming and Dr Guy Ballard and they can be contacted at [peter.fleming@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:peter.fleming@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or 02 6391 3806 or [gballar3@une.edu.au](mailto:gballar3@une.edu.au) or 02 6738 8511.

**Complaints**

Should you have any complaints concerning the manner in which this research is conducted, please contact the Research Ethics Officer at:  
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Tel: (02) 6773 3449 Fax: (02) 6773 3543  
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Thank you for considering this request.

regards,

Jessica Sparkes

## Hunting with dogs

This survey is for people who hunt with dogs.

It will take no more than 5 minutes to complete.

All of the information you provide will be treated confidentially.

**Q1:** Do you give consent to be quoted anonymously in any publication or presentation as a result of this research?

No  Yes

**Q2:** What type/style of hunting do you participate in? \_\_\_\_\_

**Q3:** Do you use GPS collars or other tracking devices to track your dogs, when hunting?

No  Yes

**Q4:** How many dogs do you usually hunt with?

- a. 1  c. 3   
b. 2  d. 4 or more

**Q5:** How often do you hunt, with dogs?

- a. Daily  d. Less than once a year   
b. Weekly  e. Once a year   
c. Monthly

**Q6:** On average, how far from home do you travel to go hunting with dogs?

- a. I usually hunt where I live  f. 200 – 300km   
b. Less than 25km  g. 300 – 400km   
c. 25 – 50km  h. 500km or more   
d. 50 – 100km   
e. 100 - 200km

**Q7:** What Postcode do you usually hunt in? \_\_\_\_\_

**Q8:** What suburb/region/area do you usually hunt in? \_\_\_\_\_

**Q9:** Have you ever encountered wild dogs / dingoes while hunting with your own dogs?

- a. No   
b. Yes

i. Number of wild dogs involved: \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Extent of contact (e.g. shot/killed wild dog, hunting dog attacked, person attacked)

**Q10:** Have your hunting dogs ever fought with other hunting dogs, while you were hunting?

- a. No   
b. Yes

**Q11:** Have you ever lost (couldn't find) one of your dogs while out hunting?

a. No

b. Yes

i. How did it happen?

ii. Did you recover the dog and after how long?

**Q12:** We'd appreciate it if you would let us know your postcode please: \_\_\_\_\_

**Q13:** We'd appreciate it if you would let us know the town you live in please: \_\_\_\_\_

**Q14:** Please write any additional comments you would like to make, about hunting with dogs, here:

Please leave completed surveys at the front counter

Thank you very much for your time.

Your responses will help to improve our understanding of recreational hunting with dogs.