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I would like to see companion animals allowed in outdoor dining areas. Approximately 60% of Australians own a pet and more and more they are becoming an integral part of the family. Couples are often choosing not to have children and preferring to have pets instead. It is important that they too have the opportunity to have 'family' outings if a restaurant owner is accepting of pets.

There is much empirical evidence of the benefits animals have on humans and the more we can integrate them in to society, the better. They do not pose a hygiene threat and could not be worse than the birds that often fly into cafes, eating off plates and worse. I believe the move will take our community to a higher level of tolerance and kindness.

(I have emailed my submission as the website was not working. Could you please notify me of the outcome?)

Regards
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