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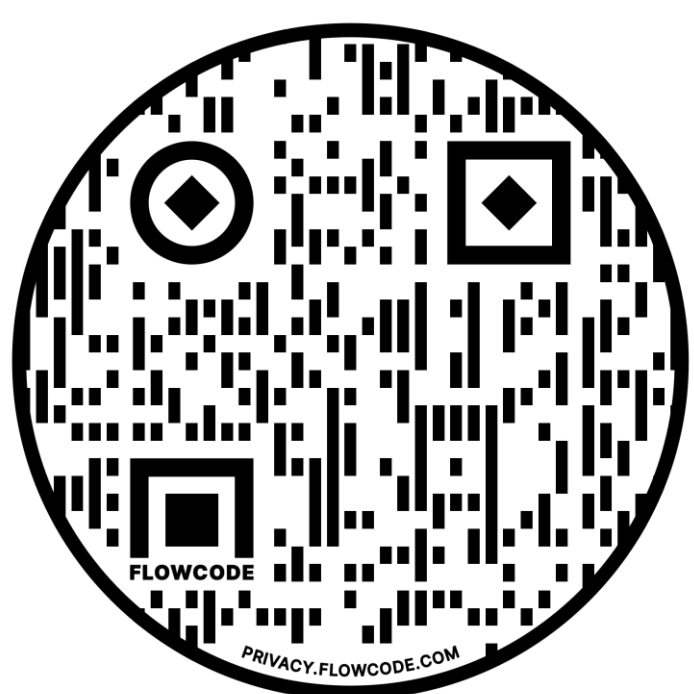
Introduction

For this project, I wanted to take a closer look at a human's bond with their dog. This bond has been there for centuries, but recently has produced some distinct phenomenon. I believe that dog movies, dog birthdays, and dog social media showcase the modern human to dog relationship.

Dog Movies

Using dogs in movies has been around for a while but has increased exponentially in the past few years. Movies showcase the bond between man and dog, often ending with one or both dying. This is described as a shortcut to the heartstrings; a surefire way to impact the audience. There is even a popular website called doesthedogdie.com. This is for those people who want to avoid seeing a dog die in whatever movie they are about to see.

Sources:



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Our bonds with our dogs are evident in every aspect of life and society.

Dog Birthdays

Another new phenomenon is the celebration of a dog's birthday. When you google "dog birthday", there is a host of information from party ideas to companies specializing in personalized dog merchandise and treats. Many owners, normal everyday people, now celebrate their dog's birthday with dog cakes, presents, costumes, and even full-blown parties. Some owners elect to celebrate the gotcha day instead.

Dogs on Social Media

On social media, there is a trend of dogs having their own pages. Owners post about their dog, sometimes as if the dog itself is handling the page. These pages are everywhere and can even be sponsored by pet companies. While these pages exist for a variety of pets and animals, dogs are by far the most common.