

**I****Architecture for Dogs***Japan, Room 45  
The Toshiba Gallery*

Architecture for Dogs is an experiential and online platform founded by Kenya Hara, designer and art director of MUJI. Renowned architects and designers have developed 13 breed-specific structures, the blueprints of which can be downloaded for the public to self-build. Find out more about the project and design your own piece of canine architecture.

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architecturefordogs.com

**J****Performances for Pets:****Talk***Medieval & Renaissance, Room 64b, The Simon Sainsbury Gallery  
19.00*

Krõõt Juurak and Alex Bailey have been performing for pets since 2014. Find out how their practice of performing for non-human companions has developed, how entertainment for pets compares to human entertainment, the differences between audiences across species and how art for pets might be a common thing in the future, just like art for children is now.

@performancesforpets  
performancesforpets.net

**K****How well do we understand our pets... and does it matter?***Medieval & Renaissance, Room 64b, The Simon Sainsbury Gallery  
20.15*

Can you tell the difference between a dog bark that says 'I'm lonely, don't leave me!' and one that warns 'don't get close, I might bite!'? Dr Siobhan Abeyesinghe, senior lecturer in animal behaviour and welfare science at the Royal Veterinary College, explores our understanding of dog behaviour. Find out what influences the judgements we make about how animals feel, and discover how good you are at speaking canine.

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rvc.ac.uk

**L****In The Dog Park***Prince Consort Gallery, Room 110*

Who let the dogs out? Join DOG Magazine and illustrator Definitely Jenny to capture the chaos and fun of the dog park in this drop-in carbon paper monoprint workshop. Using doggie related drawing prompts, create and print your own dog that will join others on a large scale, collective 'dog park' canvas. Explore DOG's previously published artwork, as the final monoprint masterpiece will be part of the next issue of DOG Magazine!

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**M****NOWNESS Presents: Pure Breeds***Photographs, Room 99  
The Modern Media Gallery*

Warning: these films contain wet noses, dreamy eyes and some strong language. Viewers may witness scenes of scratching, dramatic posing and panting. Commissioned exclusively for NOWNESS, Pure Breeds is a surreal series from writer and filmmaker Graydon Sheppard, celebrating the most refined of pedigree pets.

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**N****Can you pet the dog?***Paintings, Room 82*

You are at a house party. You do not know anybody. But legend tells of a very good puppo hiding somewhere in this house. The clock is ticking and you're running out of small talk – can you find the pup at the party? Inspired by @canyoupetthedog?, a twitter feed of pettable and non-pettable dogs in videogames, come and play two videogames where animal interaction is the aim of the game – Pet the Pup at the Party by Will Herring and Plaything by Will Anderson and Niall Tessier-Lavigne.

@\_willbot\_  
@willanderson\_  
@nialltl

**O****CatVideoFest***Tapestries, Room 94*

Each year, CatVideoFest curates a compilation reel of the latest, best cat videos culled from countless hours of unique submissions and sourced animations, music videos, and, of course, classic internet powerhouses.

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**ALSO ON TONIGHT****Christian Dior: Designer of Dreams**

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Until 20 October 2019  
Sponsored by BaxterStorey

**Mary Quant**

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**COVER ARTWORK**

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# PICK OF THE LITTER

Friday 26 July 2019  
18.30 – 22.00

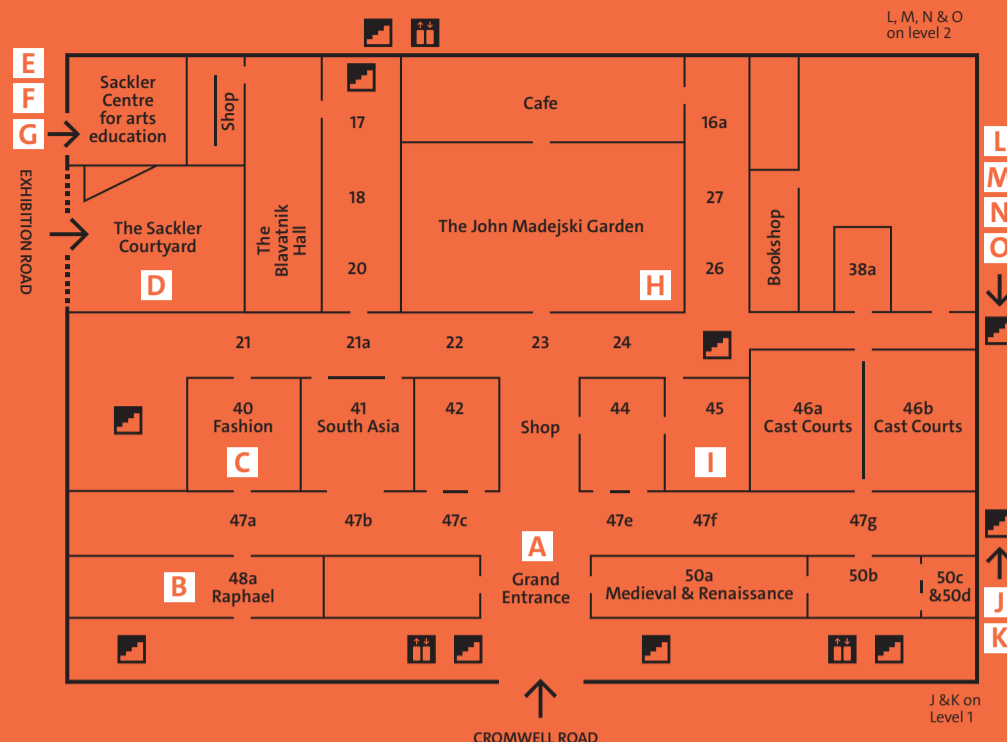
An infatuation with pets has become part of a generational identity, with millennials fuelling a spending boom on four-legged friends and Instagram awash with fluffy celebrities. This Friday Late, take part in a therapy pig session and experience performances for pets. Explore an animal-dating app and question the evolution of digital pets. See dancers explore animal domestication and uncover stories of pets within the V&A collections.

Assistance dogs registered with Assistance Dogs UK are welcome, but please note pets and other animals are not permitted in the V&A.

All events are free and places are designated on a first-come, first-served basis unless stated otherwise. Filming and photography will take place at this event. Please note, if the V&A reaches capacity we will allow access on a one-in, one-out basis.

#FridayLate

## Level 0



**A**  
**Visions Festival DJs**  
*Cromwell Road, Grand Entrance*

Visions Festival is an independent multi-venue event that takes place in London Fields every August, including their – now beloved – Visions Dog Show. Expect the best in underground, alternative and boundary pushing music across genres from all over the world.

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visionsfestival.com

**B**  
**Dirty PawS**  
*The Raphael Cartoons, Room 48a*  
19.30, 20.30

Dirty PawS is a solo dance piece by Yu-Hsien Wu which explores the interconnected movements between animals and human beings. The piece focuses on the shapes and movements of an imagined species and questions the relationship between animal and human, wild and domesticated. Choreographed and performed by Yu-Hsien Wu, with sound by Khaya Mshengoristo Maseko, costume design by Anna Baumgart, dance collaboration from Kuan-Yu Chen and photography by Leon Poulton. Supported by Taipei Representative Office in the UK.

@yhsien\_wu

**C**  
**Pet's Pettings**  
*Fashion, Room 40*

Are pets entitled to their own romantic lives? Does the concept of sexuality and sexual desire apply equally to pets as it does to humans? Taiwanese artist Kuang-Yi Ku, together with an engineer, an architect and a filmmaker, present a dating app for pets and imagine how pet dating might impact how humans and pets cohabit. Supported by Taipei Representative Office in the UK.

@kuangyiku  
kukuangyi.com

**D**  
**Miniature Pigs as Therapy Animals**  
*The Sackler Courtyard*  
Until 21.00

Drop-in to see the pigs or sign up to take part in a therapy pig session. Sessions have a limited capacity. Sign up from 18.30 in the Sackler Courtyard.

Most people know that pigs are intelligent animals. However, not many know that they can become therapy animals! Come and meet The Pigfather's miniature pigs, the UK's first certified therapy pigs, who have gone through the Mini Pig Therapy Pet Training Programme accredited by The American Mini Pig Association.

@thepigfather  
thepigfather.co.uk

**E**  
**Animal Justice Court information desk**  
*Reception, Sackler Centre for arts education*

Are you an animal in need of legal advice or help with going to court? Visit the Animal Justice Court (AJC) information desk to find out what services we can offer you or your human friend – whether you are attending court as a witness or as an accused. Find out about AJC's current animal-human research projects and the support they can provide young or learning-disabled animal litigants.

@jackkytan  
jacktan.net

**F**  
**Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (at the V&A)**  
*Reception, Sackler Centre for arts education*

From medieval depictions of elephants with small ears and hooves, to dogs faithfully waiting at the end of their owners' tombs, the V&A's collection tells a rich story of the relationship between humans and animals. Pick up a self-guided trail to discover some of the weird and wonderful creatures in the collection.

**G**  
**Performances for Pets: Training**  
*Art Studio, Sackler Centre for arts education*  
20.30

This workshop has a limited capacity. Sign up from 18.30 in the Art Studio.

Performances for Pets are live performances specifically designed for various species of pets. In this workshop, artists Krööt Juurak and Alex Bailey help you reverse the traditional role of animals being trained to entertain humans and find a zone of indiscernibility between the human and the nonhuman.

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performancesforpets.net

**H**  
**RIP Jibo**  
*The John Madejski Garden*  
19.15, 20.15

As children, we're taught grief through the death of a pet. But what if that pet is a robot? In June 2019, the creators of 'family robot' Jibo announced that they'd be shutting down the service, much to the sadness of those that had welcomed it into their lives. Join Natalie Kane, curator of digital design at the V&A, for a eulogy to Jibo and to virtual pets long gone, from the Furby to the Tamagotchi.

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