

# Japanese firm develops health monitor for dogs

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Worried the family dog is too chubby?

Japanese information technology giant Fujitsu says it may have the solution with a new [health management](#) service that lets owners keep a close eye on their pet's [exercise regimen](#) through a [pedometer](#) attached to its collar.

The "Wandant" counts how many steps the pooch took during its latest outing, with the data then available online for pet owners' perusal, Fujitsu says.

"Wan" is Japanese for "woof", while "dant" comes from the word "pendant".

The device also measures the dog's temperature, while owners can use an online diary to track how much their dog is eating, its weight and "stool conditions".

"The data are presented graphically on a custom website that makes trends in the dog's activities easy to understand at a glance," according to the firm.

"This helps owners get a stronger sense of their dog's health, while enabling communication with the dog."

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