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MOTIVATION

This project stems from a personal interest in creating a **dependable** list of businesses that welcome furry friends. I have found it difficult to find dog-friendly businesses in some areas, while in some stores I realize too late that dogs are welcome. Interviews revealed that other dog-owners struggle with **similar experiences**, so I decided to conceptualize a solution.

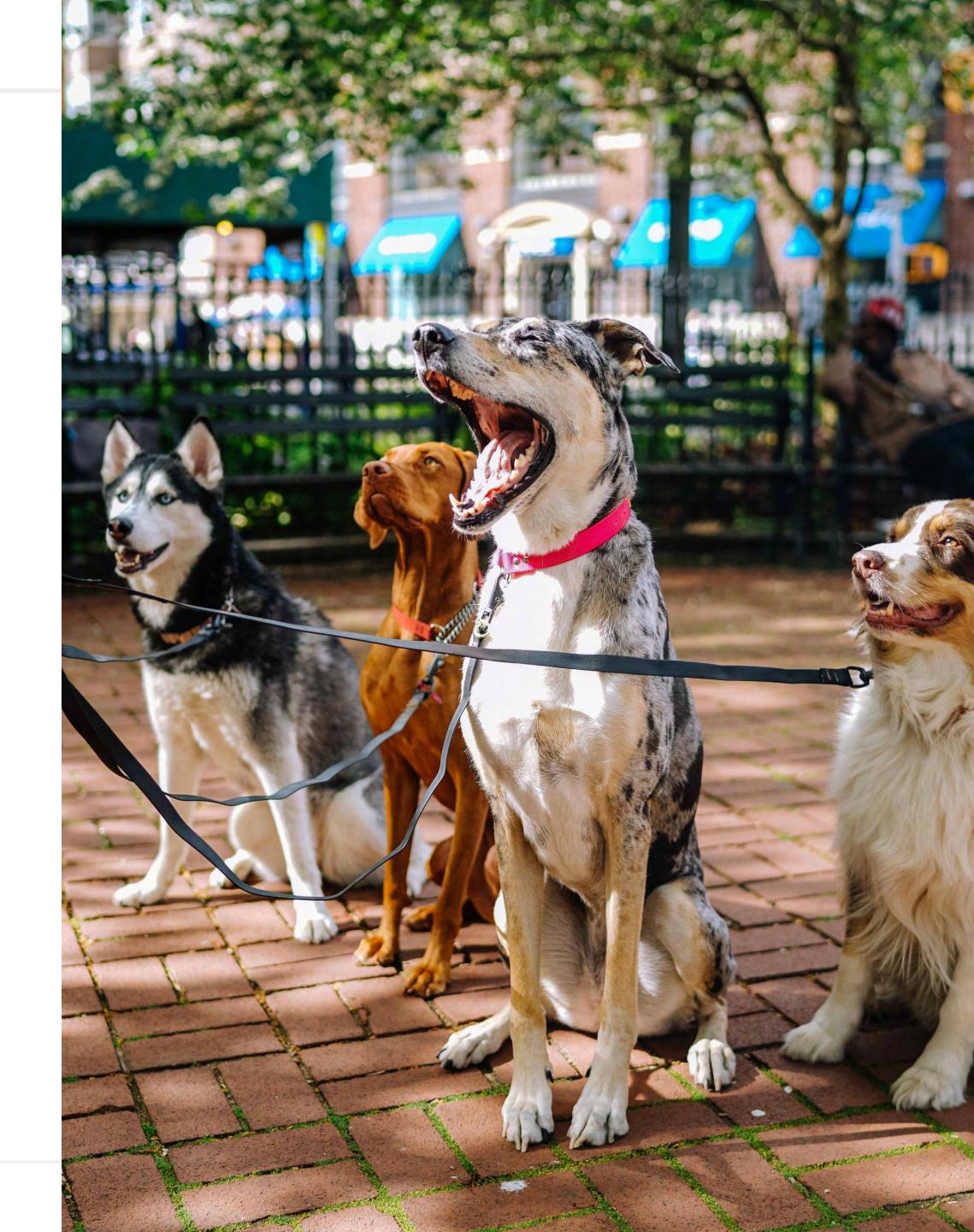


PROBLEM

Dog owners struggle to find businesses in their community that welcome dogs.

SOLUTION

Create a platform for dog-owners to find businesses that welcome dogs, provide treats, and share businesses with other members of their community.



Goals

INCLUSIVITY

This application aims to provide service options for all types of dog owners. Inclusivity means creating an experience that can be enjoyed by all users.

CONVENIENCE

Spending time searching for dogfriendly hotels or coffee shops is not how users want to spend their morning. Convenience means a quick search & answer.

COMMUNITY

Community is such a big part of pet ownership. This app will build off of the sense of belonging that friends and neighbors create.

ACCURACY

No one loves false information, especially when it means your dog can't join a shopping trip or walk in the park. Providing true information is an important consideration in this application.



Target Audience

DEMOGRAPHIC

Age Range: 21-30 Status: Dog-Owner

CHALLENGES

- 1. Socializing their dog with people and dogs
- 2. Finding businesses that allow dogs
- 3. Going on trips while leaving dog at home

PREFERRED METHODS

- 1. Easily accessible status
- 2. Accurate/updated information
- 3. Options for filtering

CURRENT METHODS

- 1. Using search engines to locate dog-friendly businesses
- 2. Asking store owners in-person
- 3. Talking with friends about locations they've found



Concept Ideation

HOW MIGHT WE...

- 1. create a sense of community
- 2. make suggestions based on interests/location/filters
- 3. consider people with multiple dogs/pets
- 4. reduce frustration around finding dog businesses
- 5. communicate free treats, water, or hang out spots for dogs
- 6. make dogs/owners feel more welcomed in public areas

- 1. a website provides outdated information
- 2. I have to leave my dog home for a long amount of time
- 3. I'm in a new area for travel and don't know where to stay with my dog

I DON'T LIKE WHEN...

HOW MIGHT WE...

- 1. make travel more accessible for dog owners
- 2. allow people to share locations they found with other dog owners
- 3. allow store owners to update and share their pet policies



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Qualitative Interviews

I interviewed **8 dog owners** to identify their experiences bringing dogs out in public.

POINTS ADDRESSED

- 1. Do you own a dog?
- 2. Do you bring your dog to public spaces?
- 3. How often do you bring your dog out?
- 4. How do you find places to bring your dog?
- 5. How do you feel when you bring your dog places?
- 6. Can you walk me through the process of bringing your dog to [insert location]?
- 7. Any stories related to bringing your pet somewhere?

MAIN TAKEAWAYS

- 1. Dog owners love their dogs and love spending time with them
- 2. Happy emotion related to bringing dogs out, but can be stressful if the status of a business' policy is unclear
- 3. Treats/options for dogs are appreciated (banks, restaurants, etc.)
- 4. People won't bring their dog unless the policy is clear

IDENTIFIED PAIN POINTS

- 1. Some websites provide outdated information
- 2. New dog owners don't know where to bring dogs / how their dog will react
- 3. Dog-owners need to prepare by bringing supplies like food, water, harnesses, bags, etc.





Quantitative Forms

Survey responses were collected from **28 dog owners**.

SURVEY QUESTIONS

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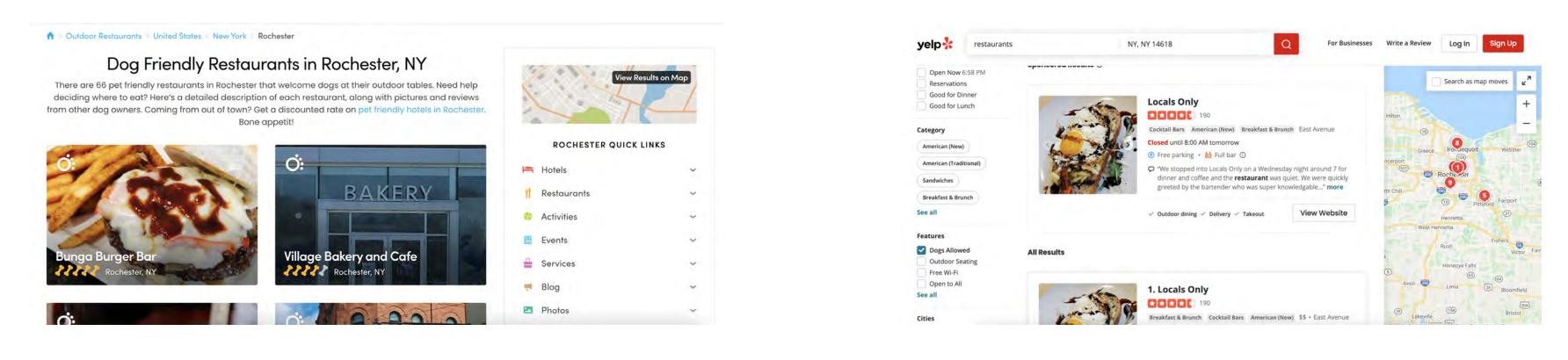
RESULTS

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Competitive Analysis

analyzed current solutions from other products and companies to identify opportunities for growth.



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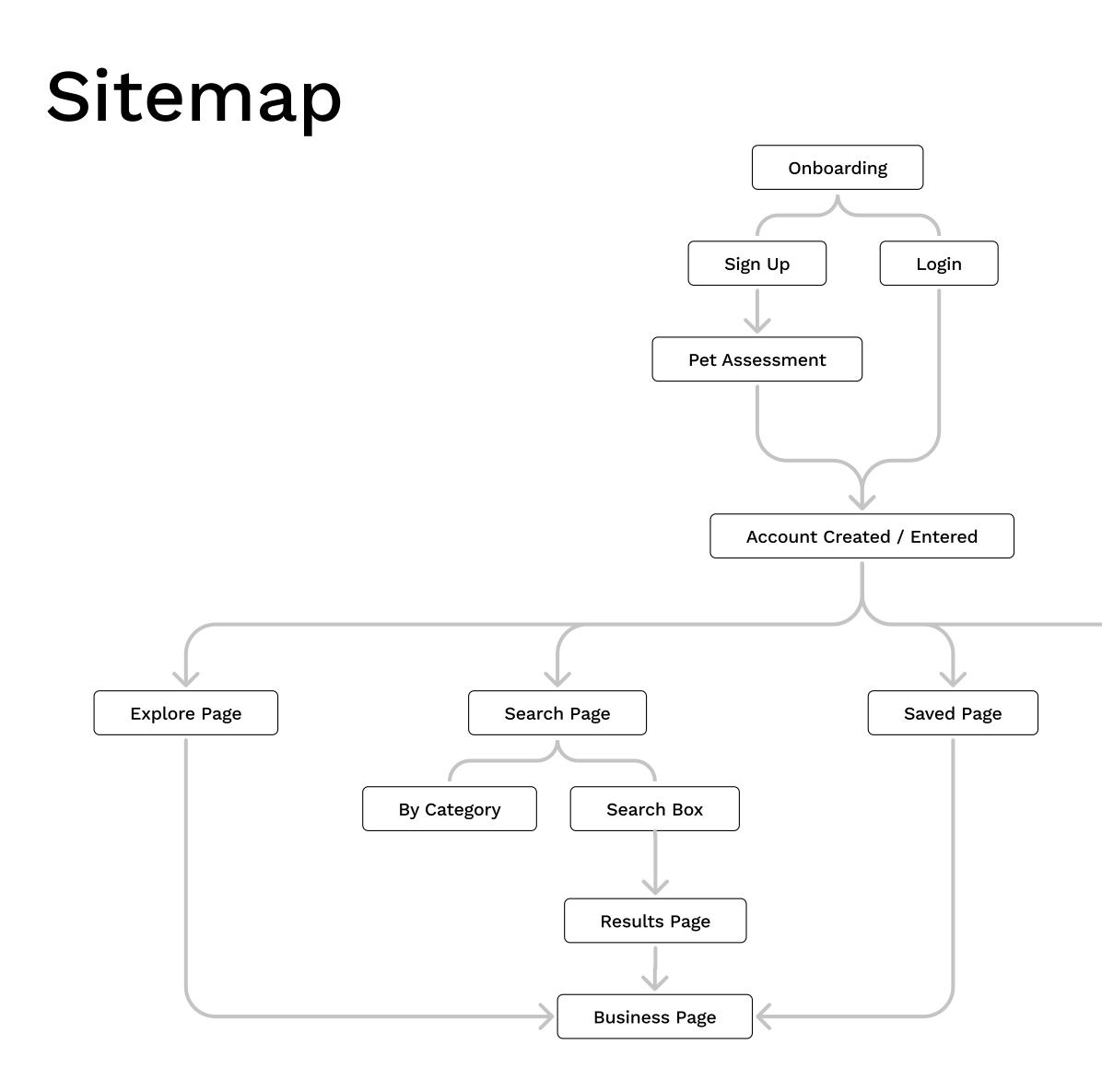
- 1. Doesn't provide clear information related to what businesses offer/provide
- 2. Provides filters with different categories for events, restaurants, businesses
- 3. Sort by rating, price, distance

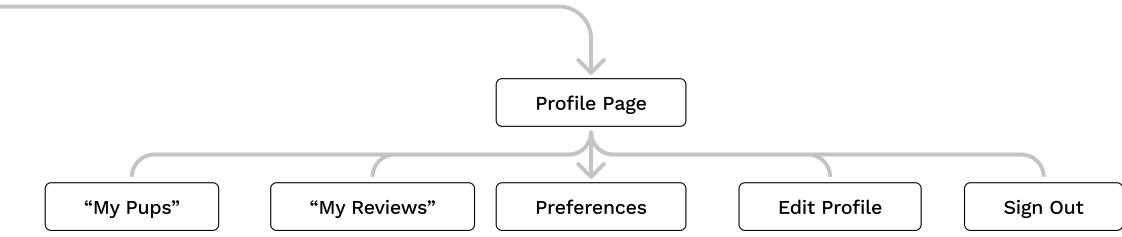
YELP

- 1. "Dogs Allowed" filter under features to narrow results
- 2. Doesn't provide additional information regarding if that only includes outdoor seating, food options, water available

- 3. Displays on map for reference













User Persona - Harrison



BIO

"My family enjoys bringing our two dogs on outings and vacations, but it's always a hassle finding places that allow pets. We have a few local spots that give our dogs so much love and attention. My kids always love when companies offer complimentary dog treats! "

ABOUT 33 years old • lives in Rochester with his family and two dogs

TECHNOLOGIES



PAIN POINTS

- Finding clear information on business policies and exactly what companies offer
- Needing to pack equipment for two dogs, like water and treats

VALUES

- leaving reviews and advice for other dog owners
- personal connection with business owners to feel more comfortable bringing pets



User Persona - Amanda



BIO

"I'm finishing up my last year of college, and it's really important to me that I get to live with my dog. My schedule revolves around taking care of my dog, which can sometimes mean saying no to going out with friends."

ABOUT 21 years old • senior in college who lives alone & has one dog

TECHNOLOGIES



PAIN POINTS

- Finding places to hang out with friends and bring her German Shepherd.
- Unfamiliar with region and unaware of dog-friendly stores

VALUES

- Bringing dog places so she doesn't get lonely
- Socializing her pet
- Keeping track of her favorite dog-friendly businesses



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User Persona - Ned



BIO

"I just adopted a new dog, and he needs lots of time and attention to adapt. I don't know many places to take him other than the veterinarian and pet stores."

ABOUT 24 years old • lives in Boston and works remotely at home with his newly adopted dog

TECHNOLOGIES



yelp BringFido

PAIN POINTS

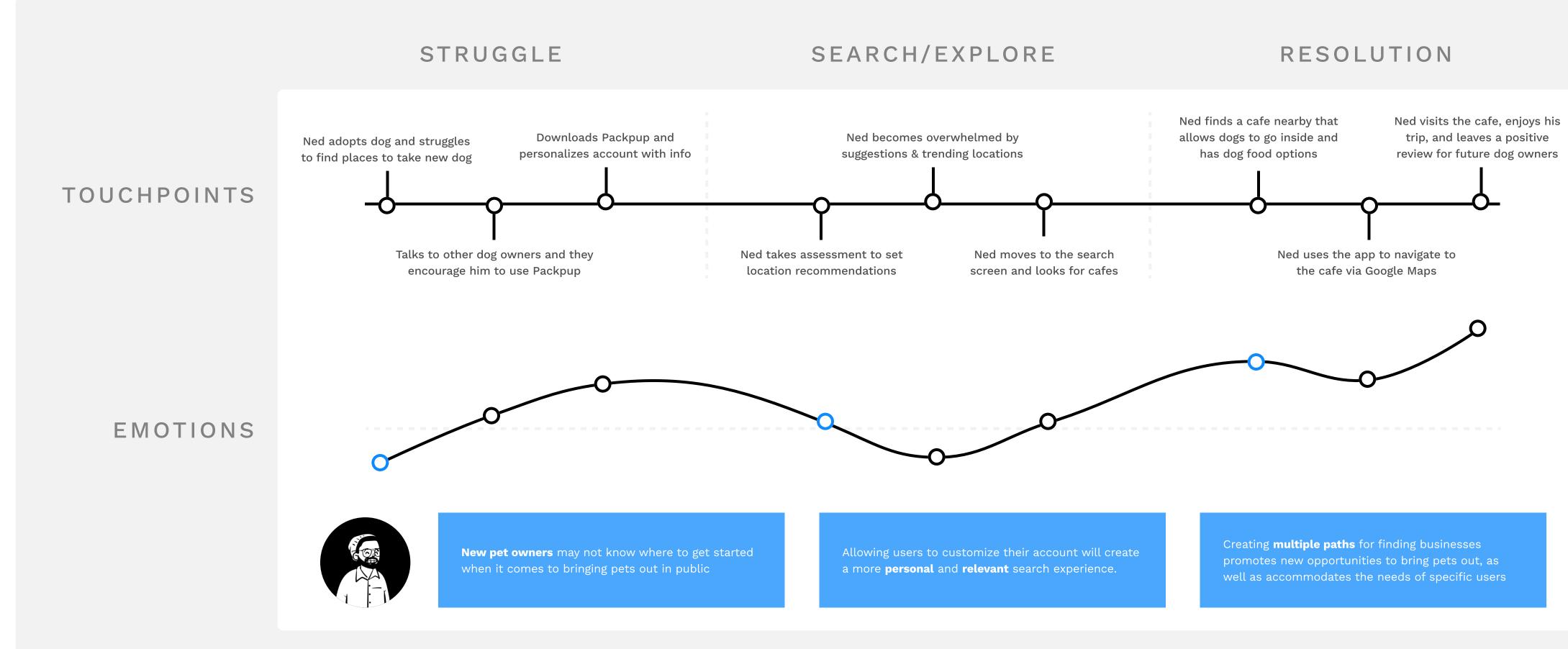
- Researching dog-friendly establishments and finding clear answers on their position
- Anxious about bringing new dog out in public

VALUES

- Community with other dog owners
- Tips on businesses that offer dog services and freebies
- Finding new dog parks in the area to meet other owners



Journey Mapping - Ned





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Usability Testing Insights

COMMUNITY

1. leaving reviews and trusting the reviews of other dog owners

RELUCTANCY

- establishments
- previously visited

1. reluctant to take the time to search for dog-friendly

2. reluctant to bring dogs to businesses the user has not

TRENDING

- 1. find popular businesses
- 2. suggestions were helpful for users who don't know what is available or where to start



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Usability Testing Insights

USER FLOW

1. flow and general proximity / grouping made the flows easily understood and intuitive for completing tasks

FILTERING

- 1. filters were used after initial search to narrow results
- 2. they were helpful for finding desired businesses

SYSTEM STATE

- 1. system's state was clear at all points for the users - no confusion on interactions
- 2. potentially add like/dislike to leave more reflective reviews?
- 3. Add categories to business cards to categorize the type of business (cafe, store, etc)





Post-Testing Survey

QUESTIONS

- 1. I would use this application frequently.
- 2. I found the application to be unneccessarily complex.
- 3. I understood the navigation of the application.
- 4. I found the functions of the application to be efficient.
- 5. It would take a long time to feel comfortable with this application
- 6. I felt confident throughout my interactions with this application.

TAKEAWAY NOTES

- 1. Option to search by map view could be added for improvement
- 2. The states of the system were clear at each point of interaction
- 3. Users rated that they were comfortable/confident with flow
- 4. Efficient use of filters to narrow search results
- 5. It would take a long time to feel comfortable with this application
- 6. Improvements to the explore screens to categorize



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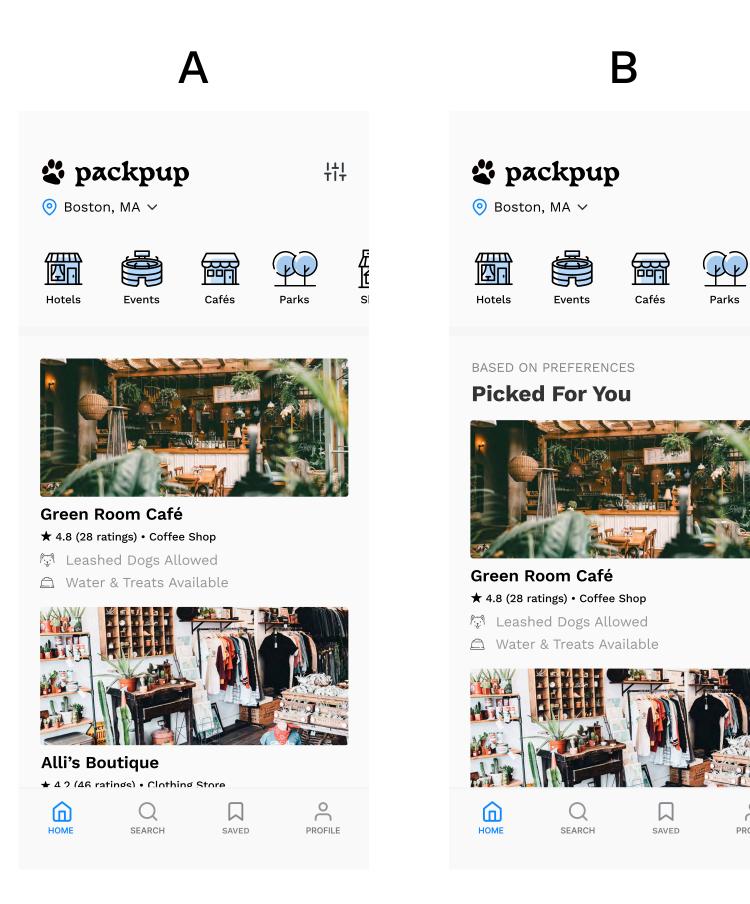
A/B Testing

Will headers within the explore section provide **more context** & encourage **more exploration**?

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PROFILE



30% 70% Version A Version B

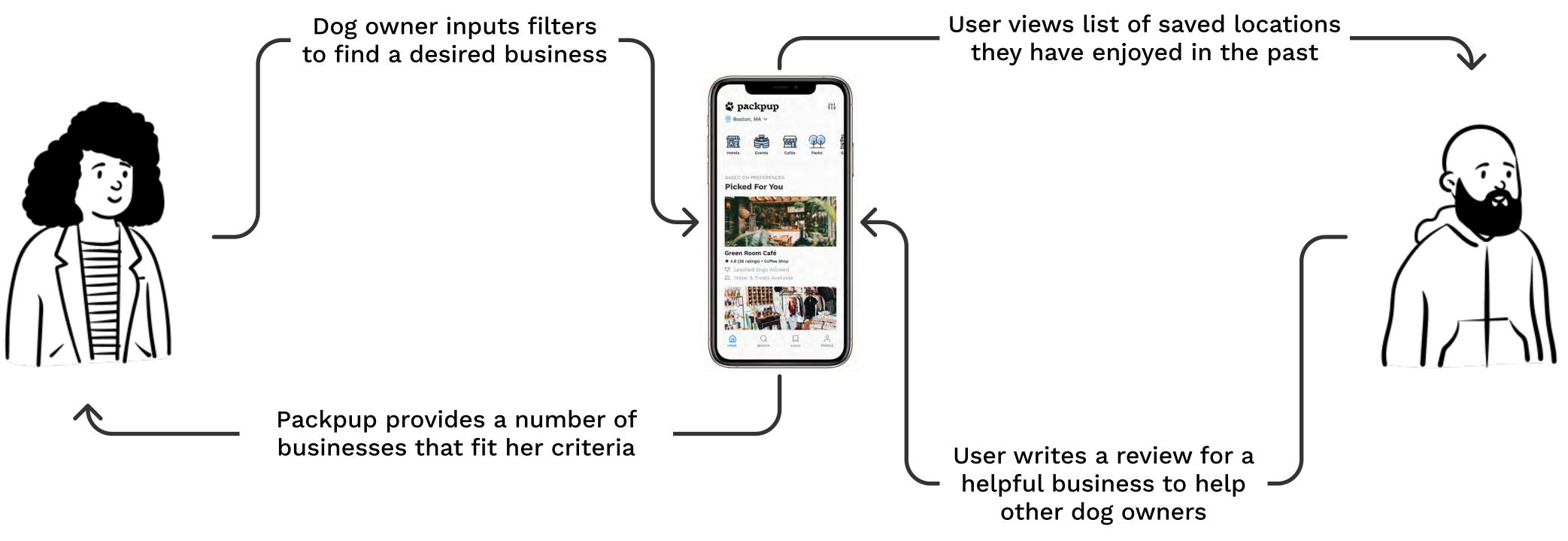
*Unpromptedly selected a suggested business, data collected from 20 participants

RESULTS

A/B testing indicated that context headers for different sections of the explore page resulted in more interaction with suggested businesses than an untitled list of trending/suggested businesses.

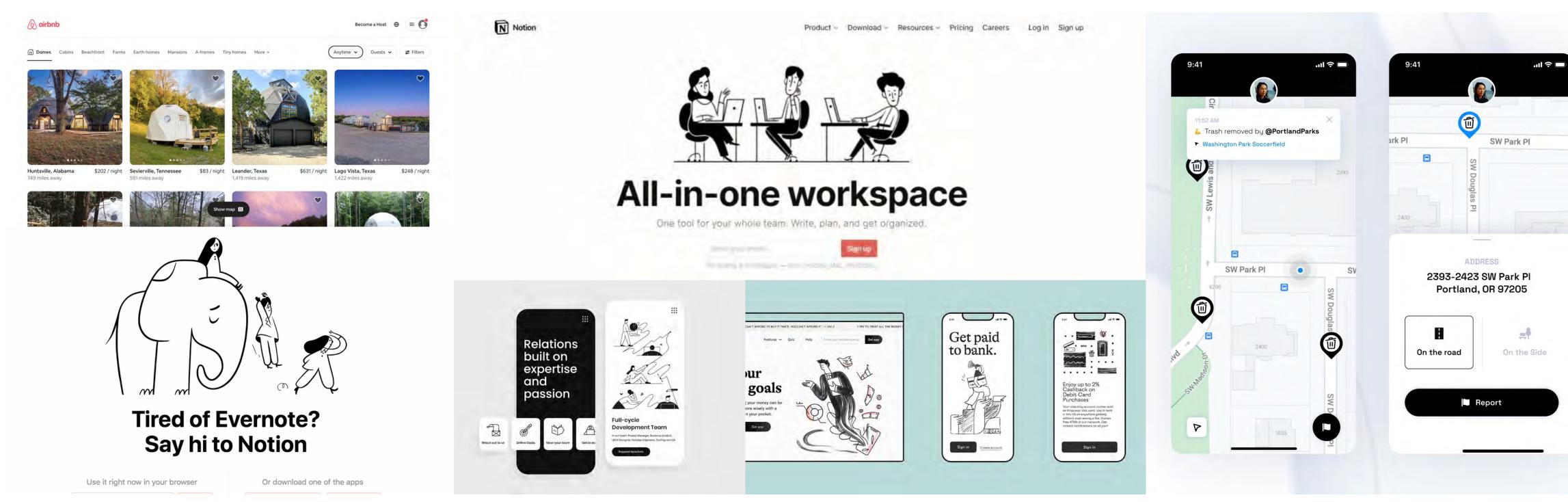


Interaction Model





Style Inspiration

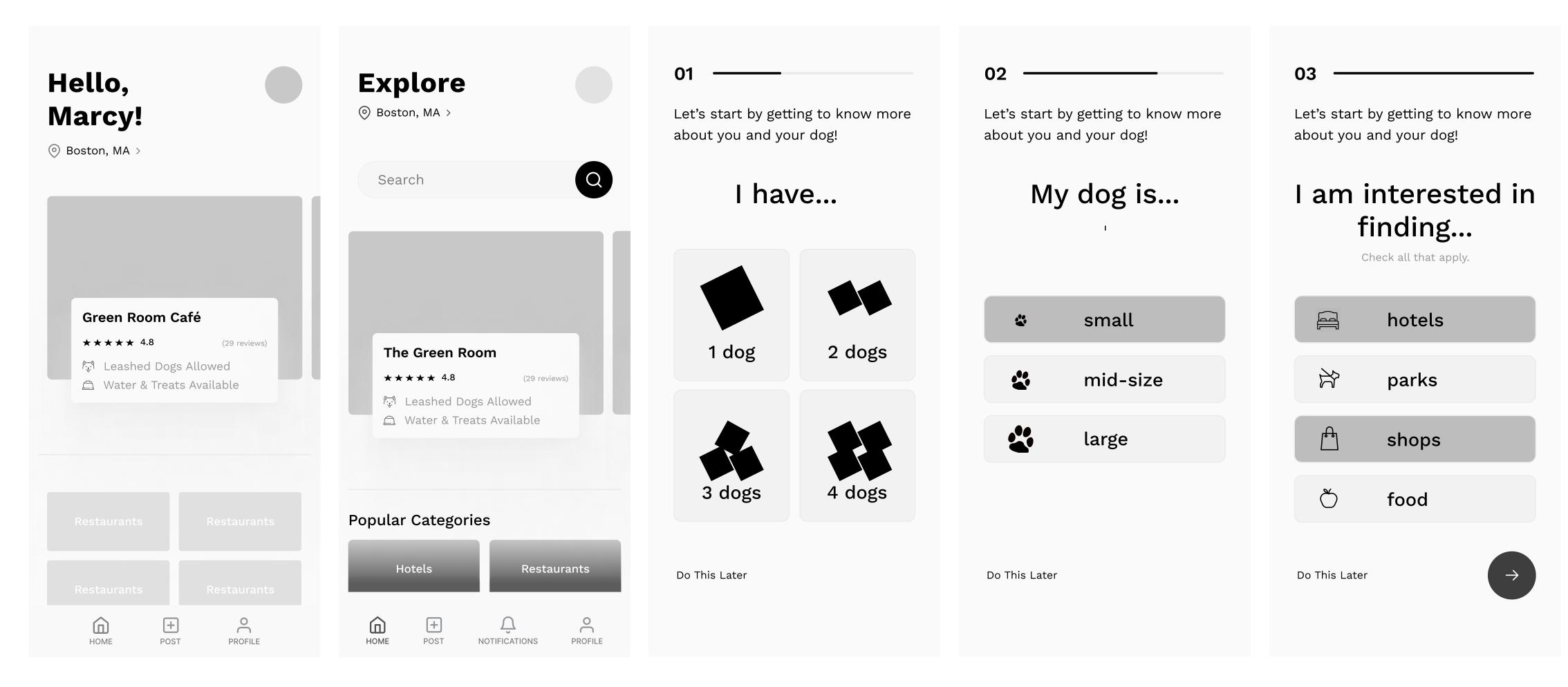


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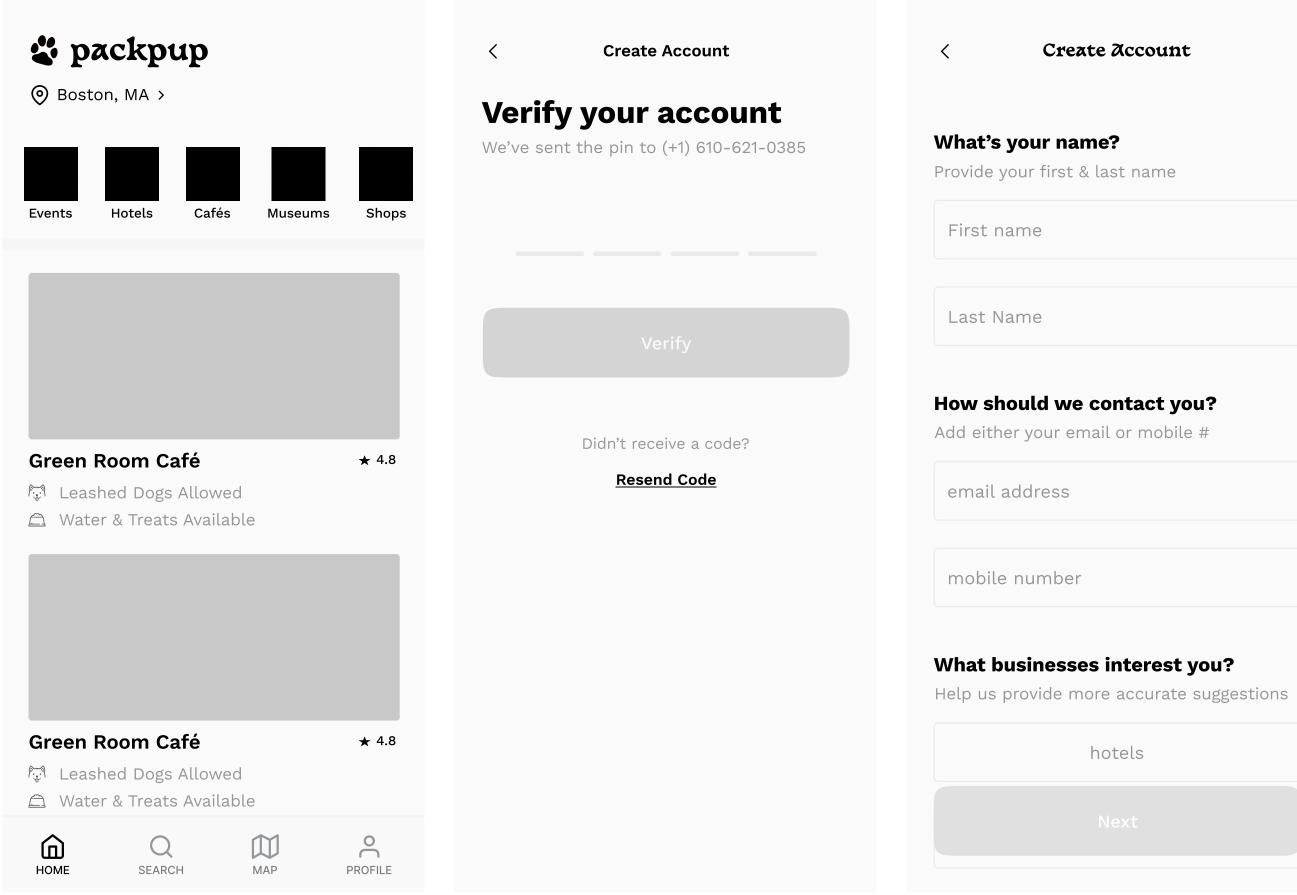


Wireframes / Iterations





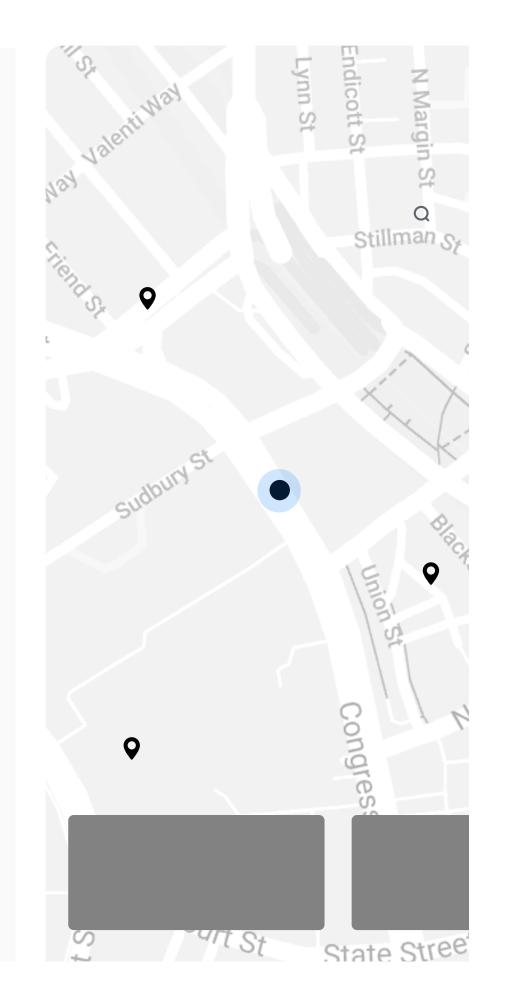
Wireframes



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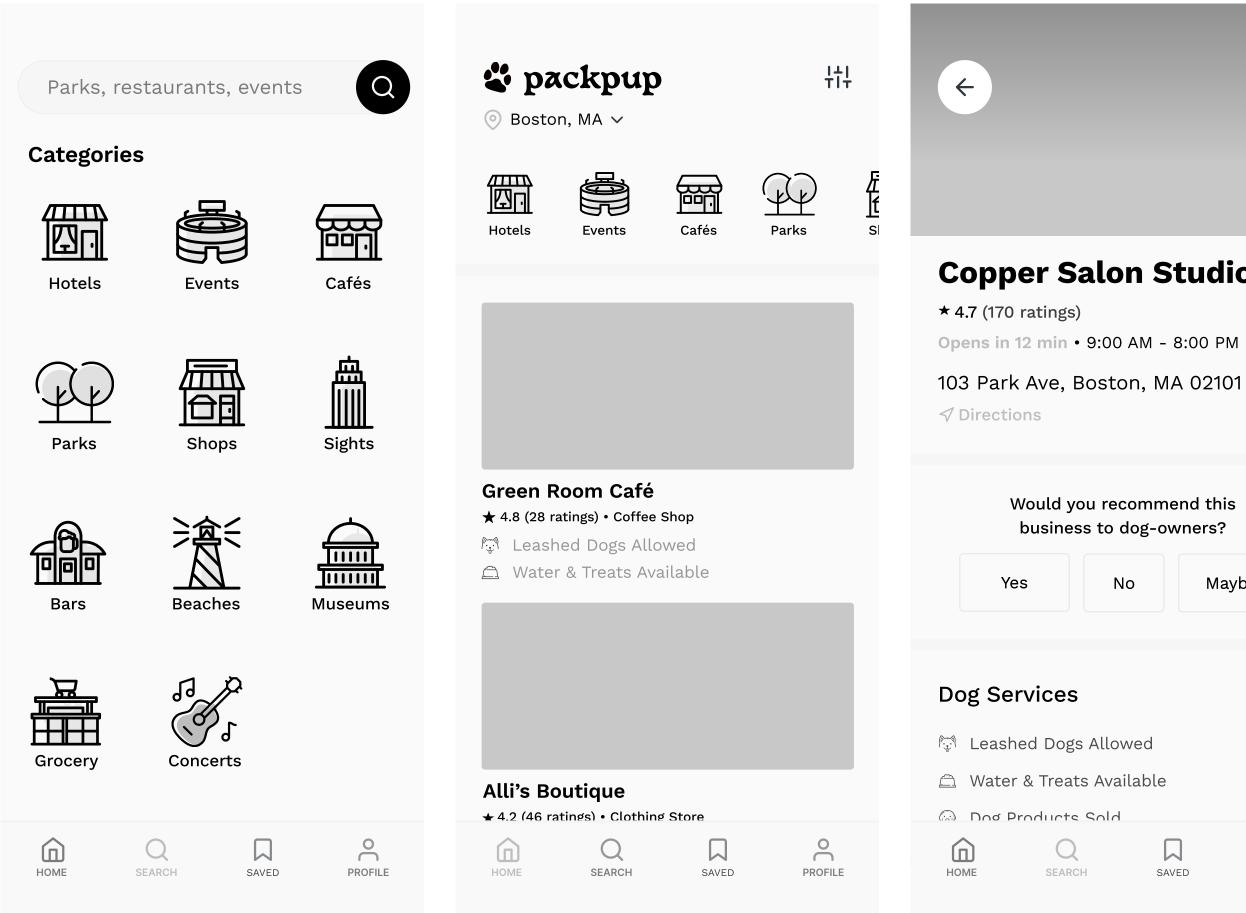
Create Account

hotels





Wireframes - High Fidelity



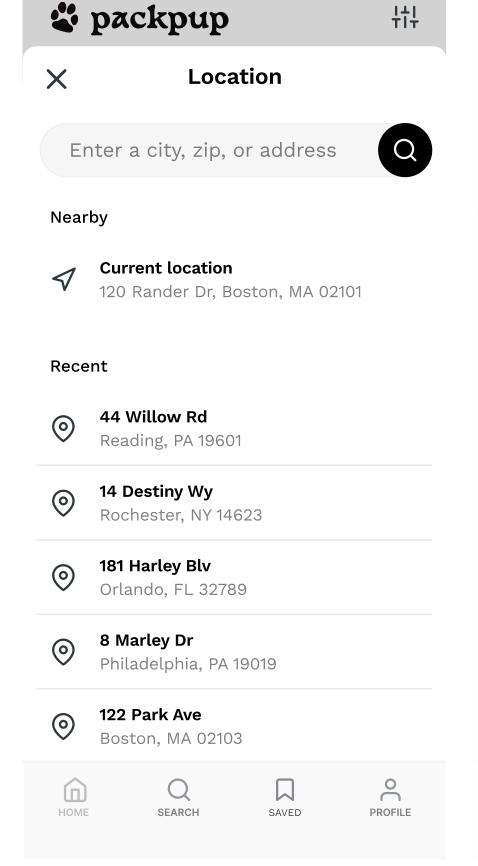
Copper Salon Studios

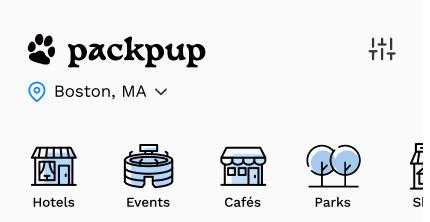
103 Park Ave, Boston, MA 02101 🗅

Would you recommend this business to dog-owners? No Maybe

SAVED

PROFILE







Green Room Café ★ 4.8 (28 ratings) • Coffee Shop Leashed Dogs Allowed 🛆 Water & Treats Available



Alli's Boutique





Design System

TEXT STYLES

Header One

Work Sans Bold 36px

Header Two

Work Sans Bold 28px

Header Three

Work Sans Medium 20px

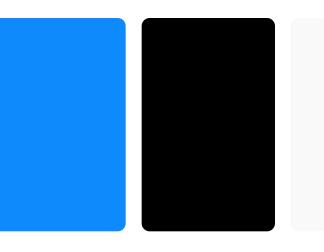
Header Four

Work Sans Semibold 15px

Body Text Work Sans Regular 15px

COLOR PALETTE

Primary



Secondary (System State)



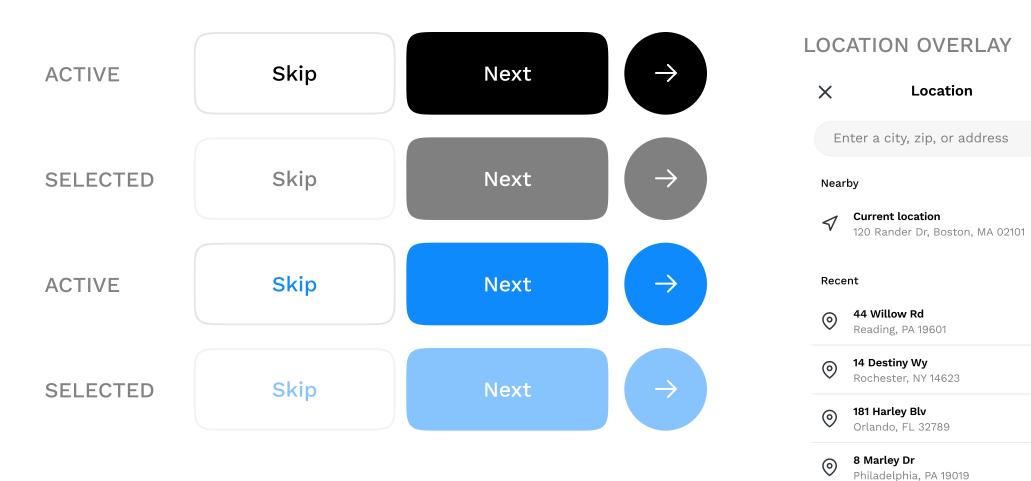
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Design System

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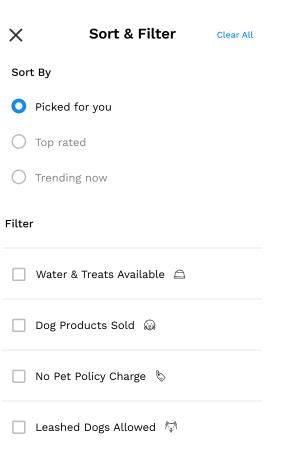


SORT & FILTER OVERLAY

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BUSINESS CARDS - 8 VARIATIONS



Bailey's Bed & Breakfast ★ 4.8 (36 ratings) • Hotel

- Leashed Dogs Allowed
- 🖏 \$50 Pet Policy Charge



Accessibility

MOTOR

- 1. large clickable CTAs
- 2. Space between form fields
- 3. Consideration to finger range and mobility

VISUAL

2. Good color contrasts and readable font size

- 1. Descriptions for photos/videos
- 3. Proximity for clear grouping

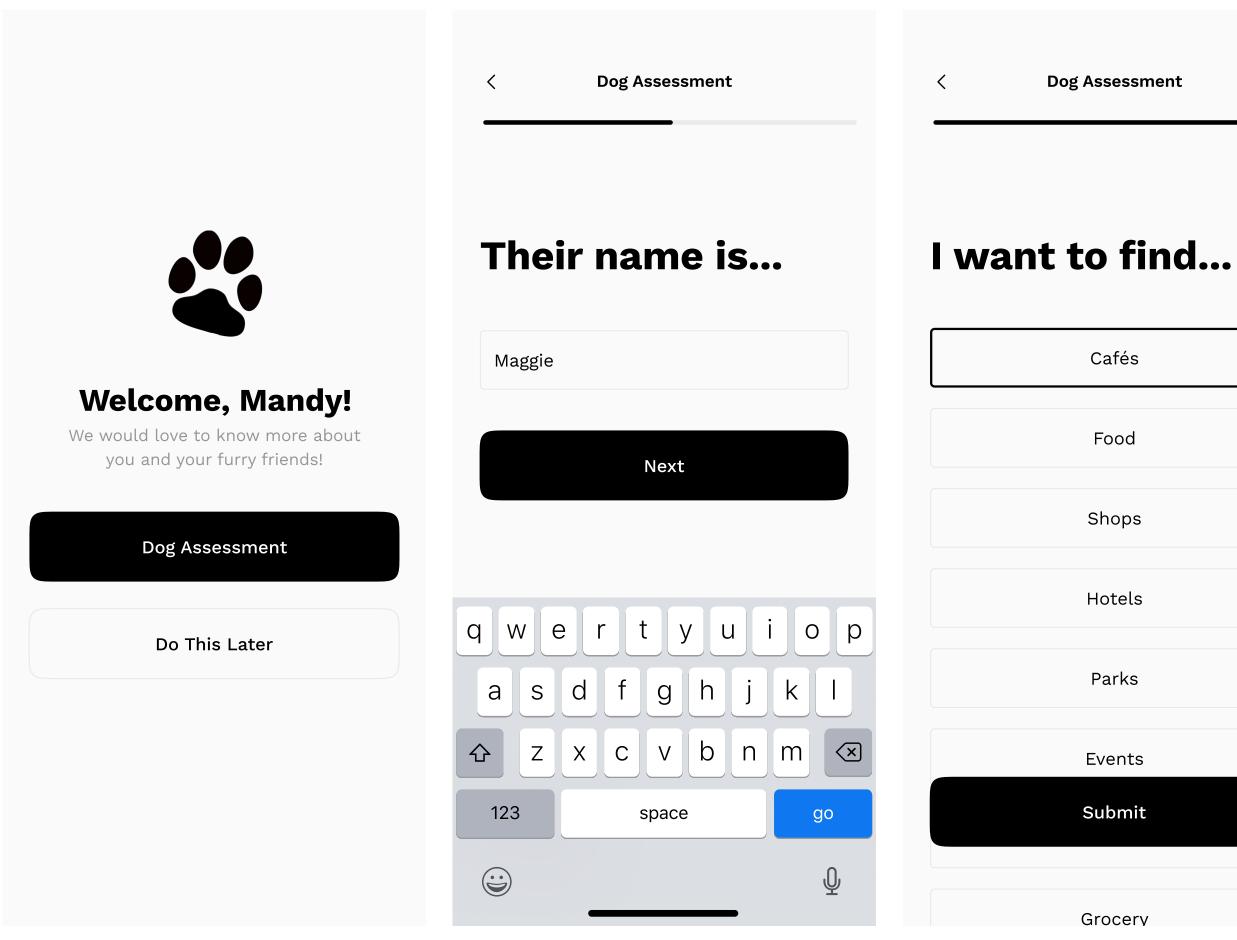
AUSTISTIC SPECTRUM

- 1. Simple application of colors
- 2. Descriptive / clear CTA buttons
- 3. Consistent Layouts





Final Screens - Onboarding



Dog Assessment

Cafés
Food
Shops
Hotels
Parks
Events

Submit

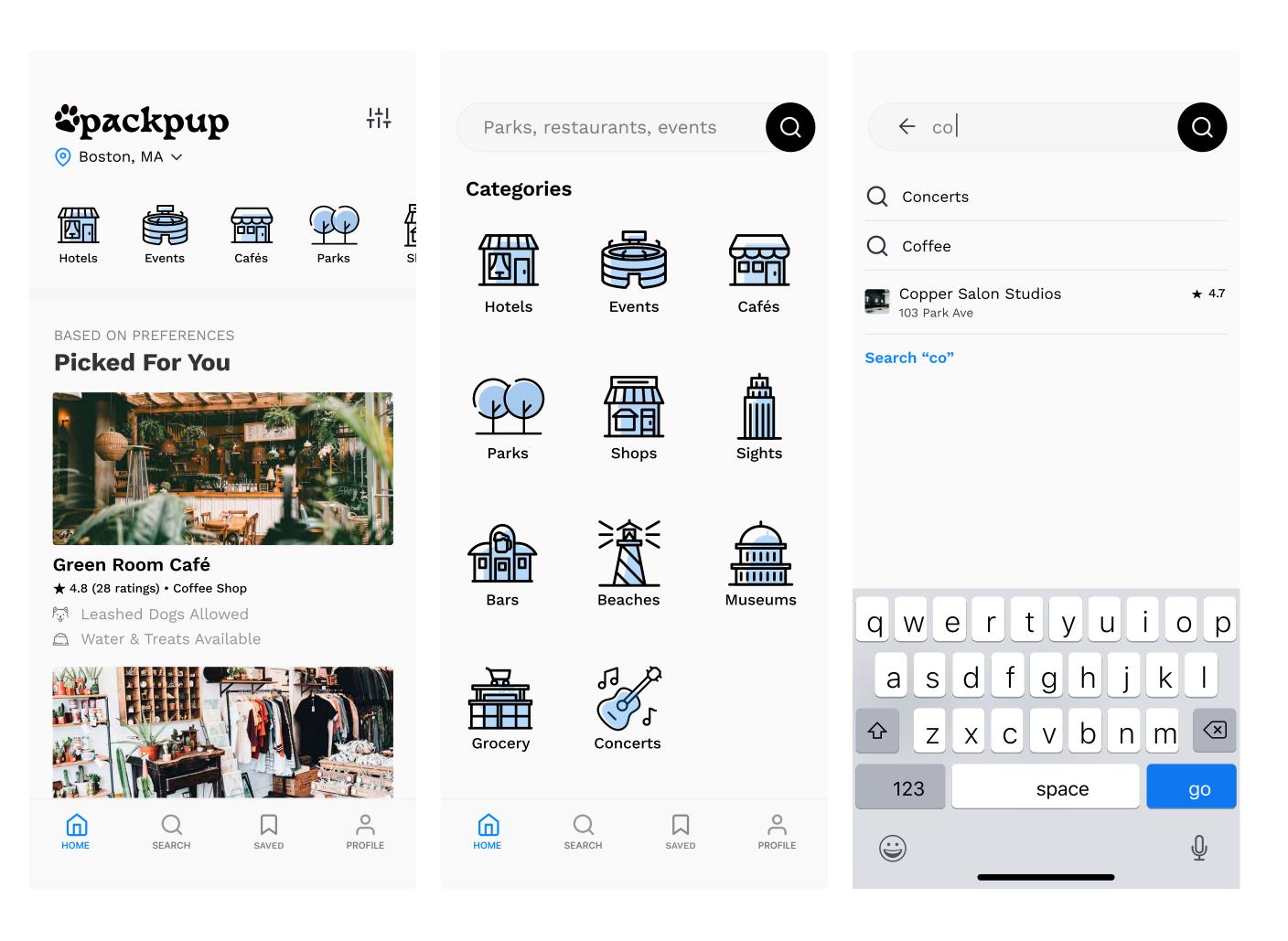
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- create a personalized account
- customize your top priorities, which will reflect in your explore page suggestions
- add and manage your pups!





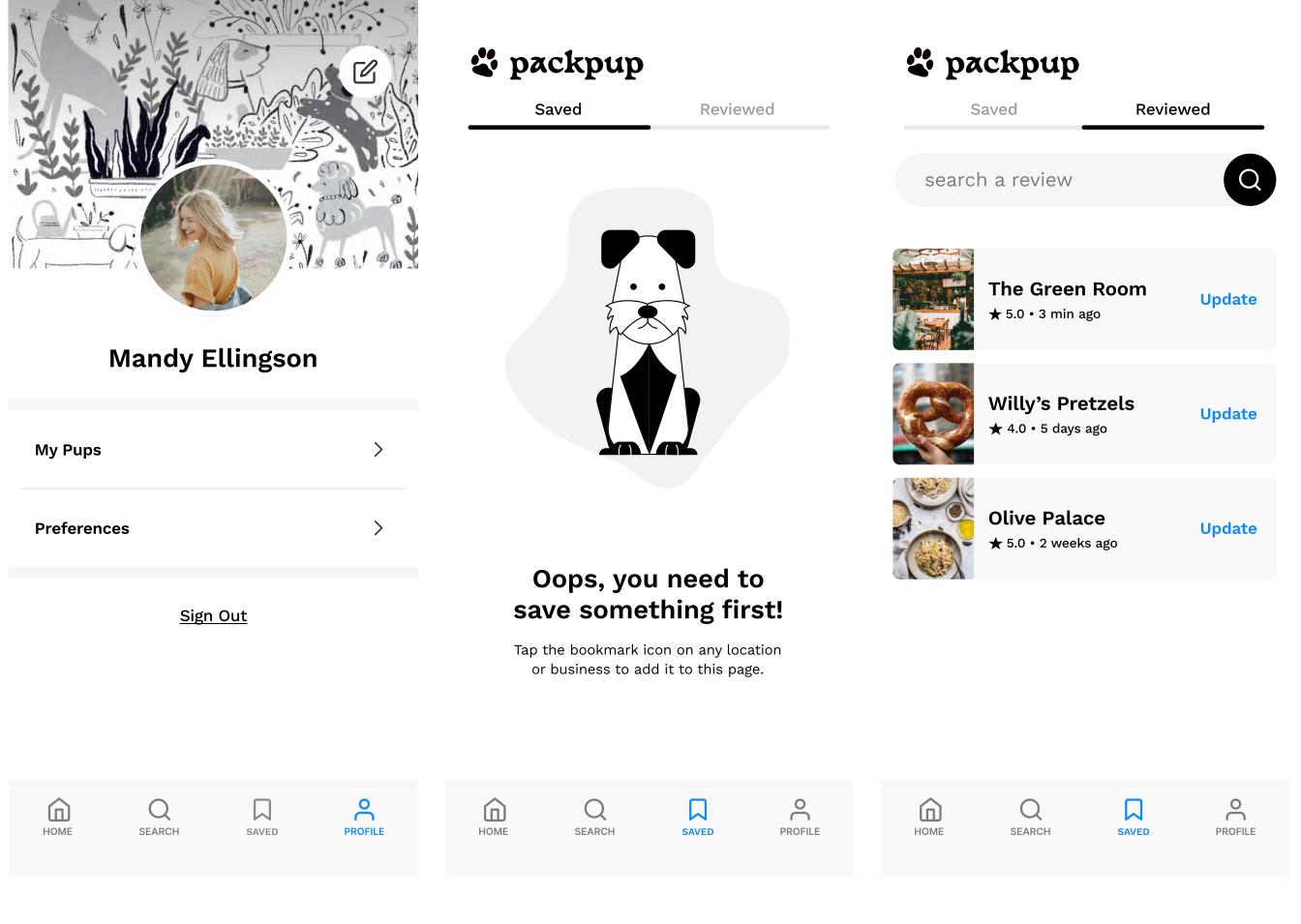
Final Screens - Explore & Search



- search by text, filter choices, or find by category
- each business lists their services available for dogs
- reviews from other users build a sense of trust and community



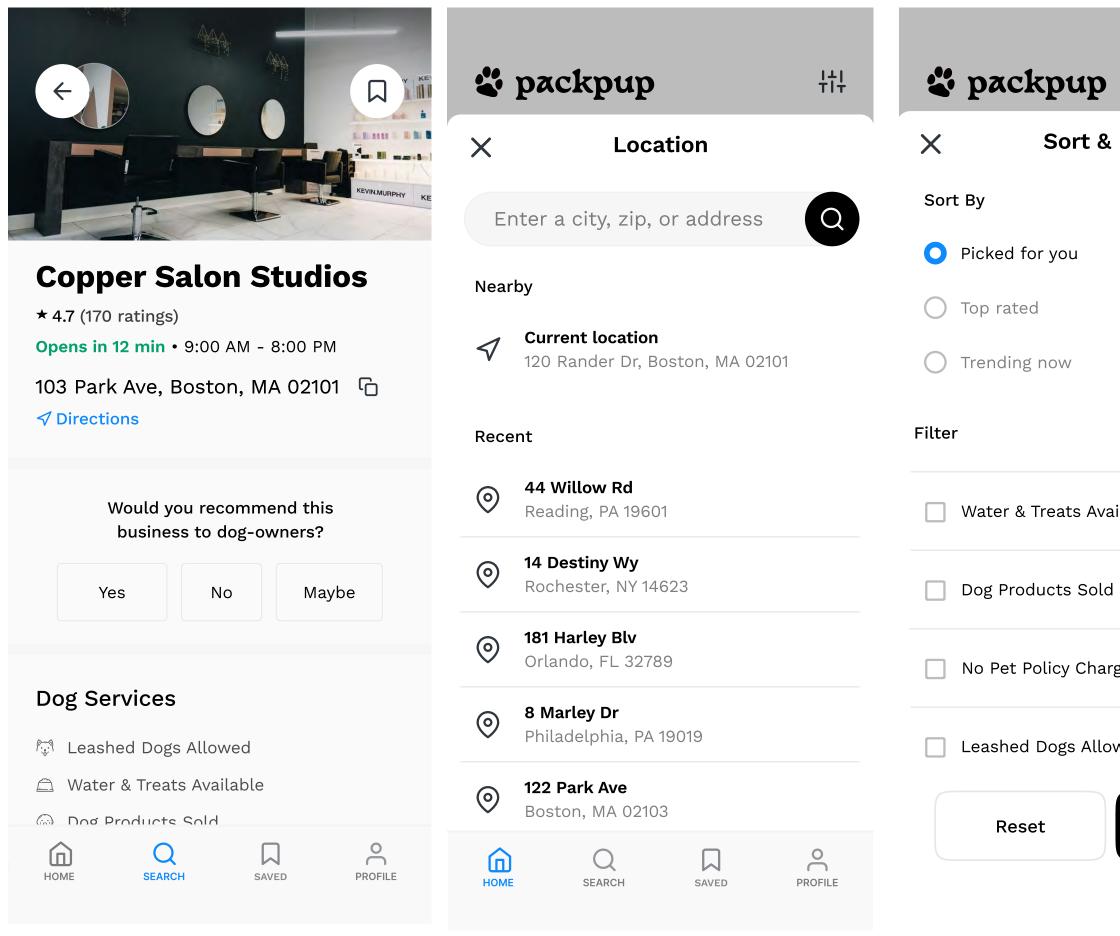
Final Screens - Account & Saved



- manage "my pups"
- change preferences for interests & categories
- view saved and reviewed businesses



Final Screens - Filters & Business



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- read reviews from other dog owners in your community
- filter and sort results, change location range, and find directions through other applications like Google Maps and Waze.



Project Takeaways

DESIGN THINKING

By following the process of design thinking, I was able to ideate and evolve the definition of this project. Being able to empathize with the target user, define the project goals, and ideate based on research findings allowed me to iterate designs that suited the needs of the user.

DATA-DRIVEN

Basing my design on data-driven feedback provides a strong backbone for each design decision. Conducting qualitative and quantitative research in the intitial stages of the process contributed enormously to the success of this project.

DESIGN SYSTEMS

Creating a design system resulted in uniformity and consistency throughout the design. Each screen utilizes components with variants to account for all states of activity and functionality.



Next Steps

WEB APP

With more time, I would love to explore how the platform would transition on larger devices like desktops or kiosks.

FEATURES

In the future, Packpup could advance its map feature to save locations on the map, expand on searching capabilities, and work to promote certain events and campaigns from various company sponsors/advertisements. Recommendations based on dog breed and size may be a useful

addition to this application.

