



ASSESSMENT OF DOG PERSONALITY AND TEMPERAMENT FROM THE OWNER'S PERSPECTIVE

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Abstract: A dog's temperament or general attitude towards people and other animals is a crucial characteristic that determines their suitability for different roles, such as pets or working dogs. Personality and temperament assessment is essential for understanding dog behaviour. The owner's perception of their dog's temperament is essential in any behavioural assessment. Reliable assessment will give consistent results. An example of a widely used standardized test is the Canine Behaviour Assessment and Research Questionnaire (CBARQ). The CBARQ is a 101-item questionnaire completed by the dog owner that provides information about the dog's personality and temperament in various situations, such as social interactions, sound sensitivity, and hyperactivity. This test has proven to be reliable and valid, providing sufficient data about different aspects of the dog's personality. A self-designed questionnaire was used to assess the personality and temperament of the dogs, based on the items used in the BSAVA's Canine Behaviour Questionnaire and items used in a study by James A. Serpell to validate a new behavioural assessment questionnaire.

Keywords: dog personality, owner's perception, clinical ethology.

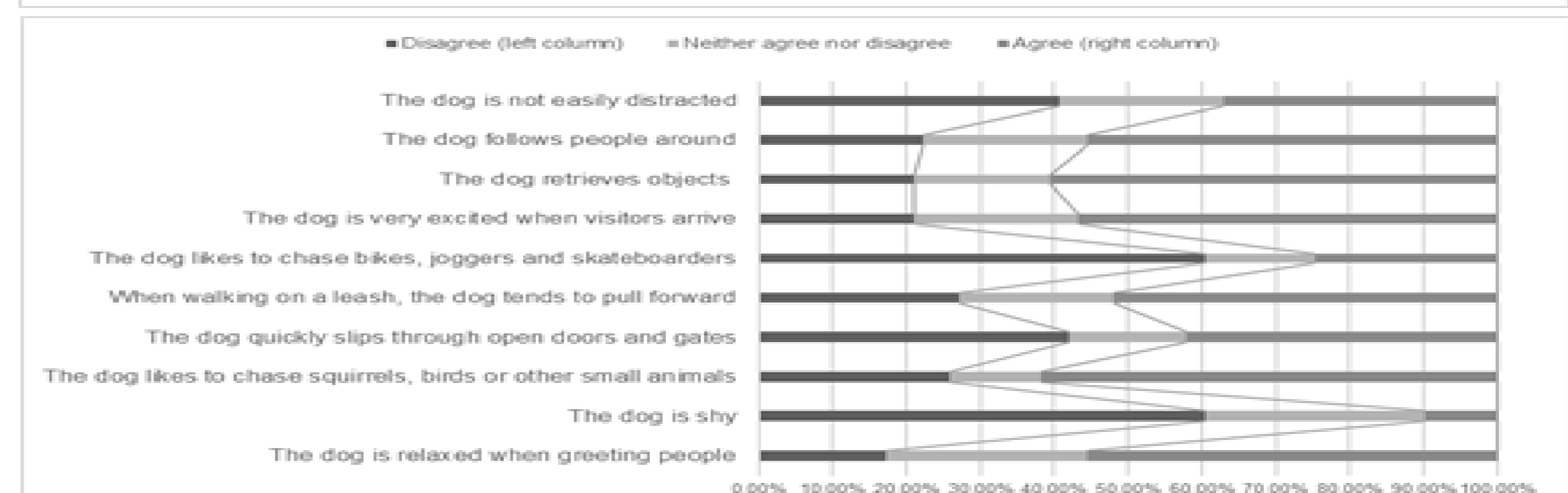
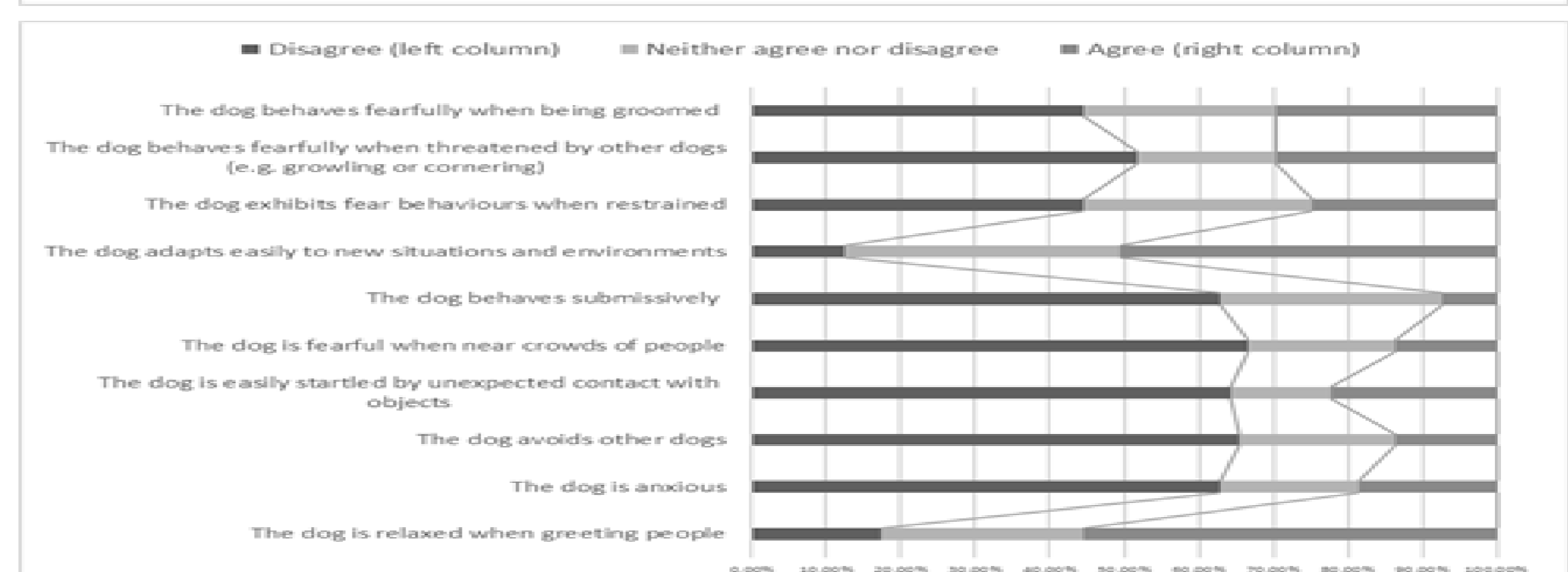
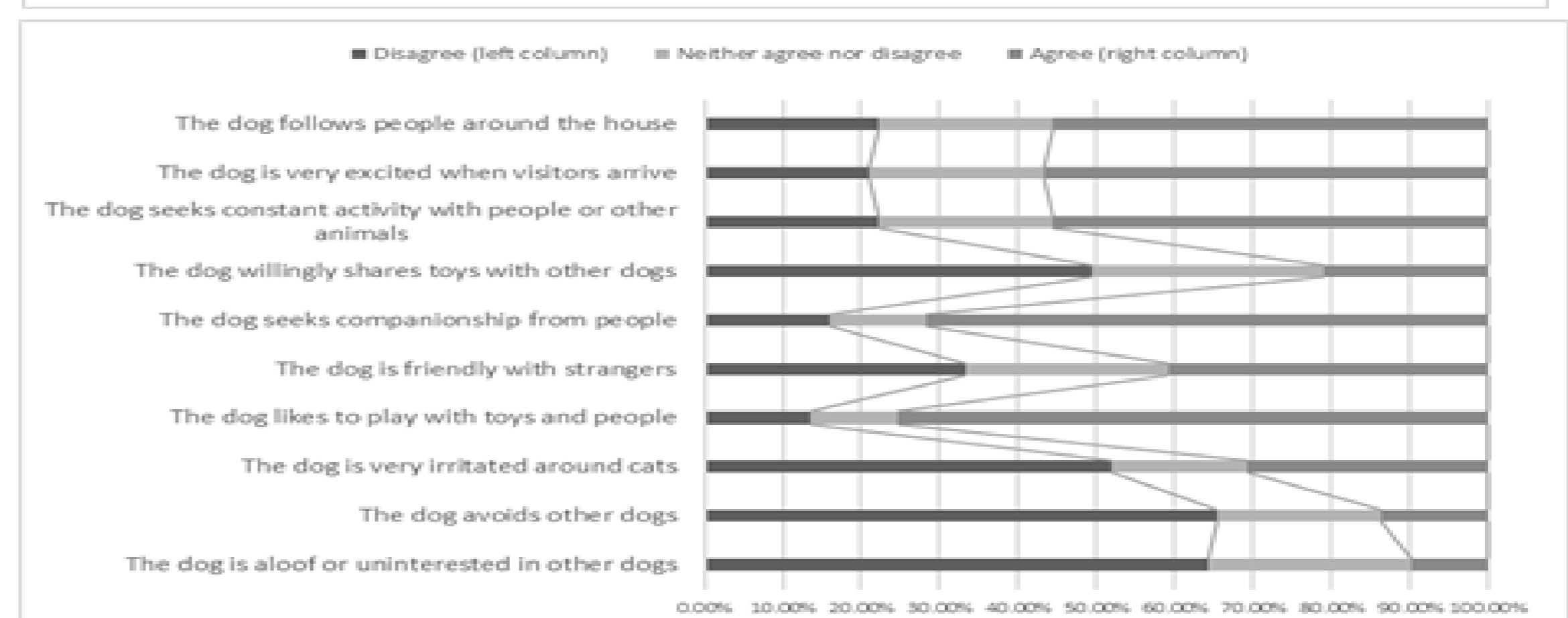
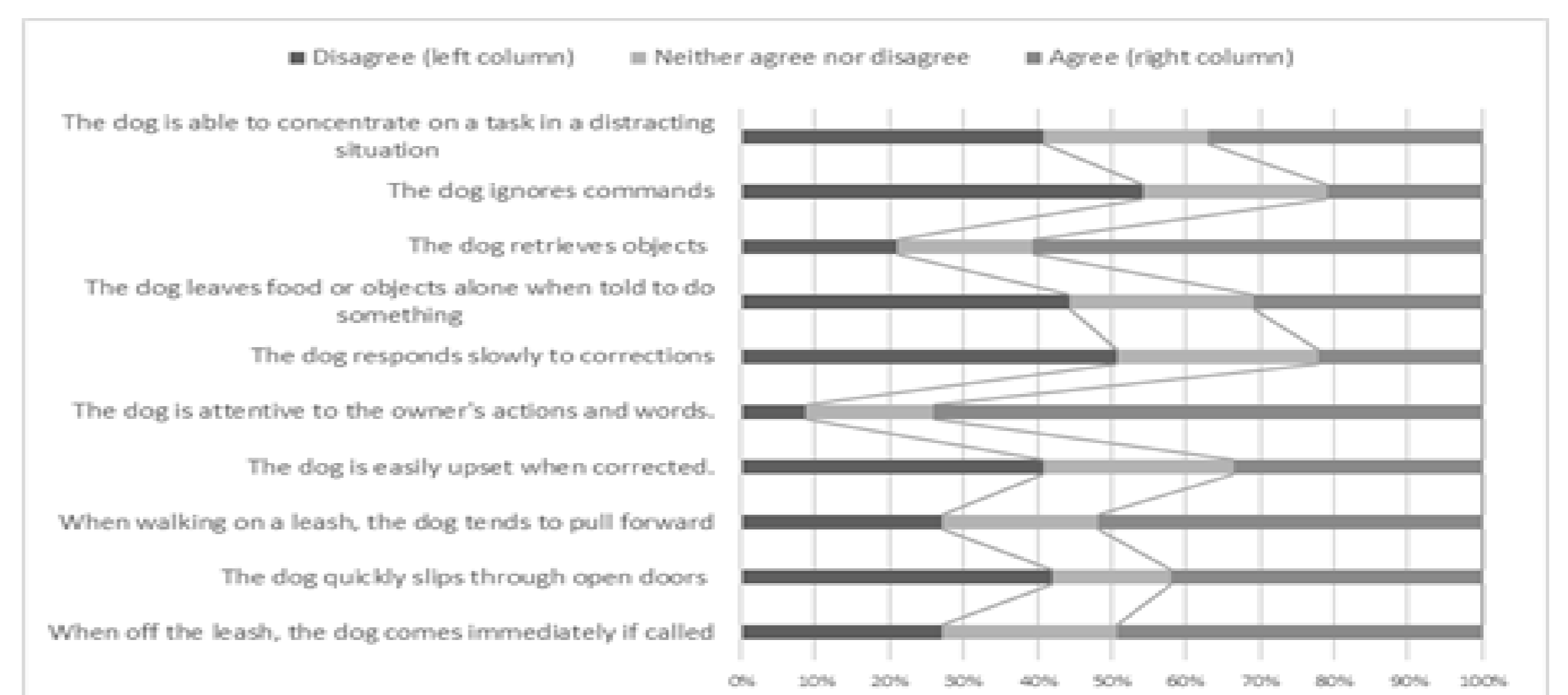
• Introduction

The bonds between humans and dogs is more than just companionship. It involves deep emotional connections and mutual understanding. The results of personality studies in animals have revealed suggestions of human personality traits in different species of animals. A dog's personality and temperament shape their behaviour and suitability for different roles, like being a pet, working dog, or therapy animal. Understanding a dog's personality and temperament through assessment tools is crucial for decoding their behaviour and getting to know them better.

• Material and method

The survey was conducted over a duration of three months to allow for a sufficient sample size and a wide range of responses. This extended timeframe aimed to reduce bias and capture diverse perspectives on dog personality and temperament. Participants were provided with the option to complete the questionnaire online via Microsoft Forms or in a physical format for those who preferred a paper copy. This dual approach to data collection was implemented to enhance accessibility and ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data collected. By offering multiple survey formats, the study aimed to minimize response bias and increase the likelihood of participation from a varied demographic.

Results and discussions



• Conclusions

Overall, by exploring the dynamic interplay between opposing dyad categories of dog behaviours, owners can gain valuable insights into the complex and nuanced personalities of their canine companions. By addressing specific behaviours and tendencies through tailored training and behaviours modification strategies, owners can help foster a positive and harmonious relationship with their dogs while promoting emotional well-being and social adaptability.

