

Effect of selected factors on the occurrence of aggressive behaviour towards humans in geriatric dogs

Summary

The aim of the study was to determine whether factors such as a dog's, age, size, place of residence, housing conditions and genetic origin (purebred vs mixed breed) affect the occurrence of aggressive behaviour towards humans in geriatric dogs. The research was carried out using a questionnaire addressed to 178 owners of geriatric dogs, including small-breed dogs from 11 years of age, medium-breed dogs from 10 years of age, large-breed dogs from 8 years of age, and giant-breed dogs from 7 years of age. The dogs were of various breeds, sizes and ages. The results of the study showed no statistically significant influence of breed, place of residence, or housing on the occurrence of behavioural disorders. However, the age and size of geriatric dogs were found to have a significant effect.

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