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Do Canine Behavioural Assessments and Characteristics Predict the Human-Dog Interaction When Walking on a Leash in a Shelter Setting?

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Table 1. Scoring of canine behavioural assessment. Details of each subtest were described in [19].

Response	Score
Subtest 1: Socialisation	
Explores the room	+1
Does not socialise with the human	−1
Solicits handler immediately	+1
Comes when called	+1
Does not respond to handler's calls, handler must approach to pick up the leash	0
Stays with handler, with or without physical contact	+1
Moves away from handler	−1
Moves away from handler during attention	−1
Leans into handler's touch during attention	+1
Body is relaxed and neutral during attention	+1
Body is tense during attention	−1
Solicits handler for more following attention directly following attention	+1
Moves away from handler after attention	0
Subtest 2: Tolerance	
Procedure is completed while dog is standing	+1
Sits when touched	+1
Lays down and/or begins rolling over to back	+1
Becomes frontal in stance facing the handler	+1
Procedure is unable to be completed due to risk of injury	−1
Procedure is unable to be completed due to the dog struggling to avoid	−1
Body is relaxed	+1
Body is tensed and/or offers a freeze	−1
Tail base is high	+1
Tail base is neutral / medium	0
Tail base is low	−1
Mouth closes when touched	−1
Attempts to move away, end of leash	−1
Air snaps	−1
Mouths with med-hard strength	−1
Bites	−1
Subtest 3: Toys	
Engages in play behaviors immediately	+1
Brings tennis ball back to handler	+1
Gives or drops tennis ball on verbal cue	+1
Seeks out the ball and then disinterested	0
Engages in independent play, able to trade for treat	+1
Engages in independent play, unable to trade for treat	0

Becomes intense and aroused in play activity	−1
Unsafe to engage in play, with med to hard mouthiness, air snaps etc.	−1
Guards the toy	−1
Shows no interest	0
Subtest 4: Run and Freeze	
Stays near the handler	+1
Moves away from handler	0
Moves away from handler with fearful response	−1
Runs with handler	+1
Body relaxed and balanced	+1
Body is tense	−1
Tail is stiff and high during run	0
Jumps up making no physical contact with handler	−1
Jumps up making gentle contact with handler	−1
Jumps up making hard contact with handler	−1
Snaps toward the handler	−1
Looks to handler with soft eyes	+1
Looks to handler with hard eyes	−1
Looks to handler with dilated eyes	−1
Mounts handler	−1
Mouths with med-hard strength	−1
Mouths with escalating intensity	−1
Subtest 5: Resource Guarding	
Shows no interest in food	0
Level 1–2 resource guarding	−1
Level 3–4 resource guarding	−2
Subtest 6: Toddler Doll	
Wags tail loosely with a relaxed body carriage	+1
Keeps tail high with relaxed body carriage	+1
Keeps tail low or tucked with body with weight shifted backwards	−1
Keeps tail high with body weight shifted forward	0
Offensive aggression displayed - forward stance, growling, lunging	−1
Defensive aggression displayed - weight shifted backward, vocalization	−1
Increases distance from the doll	−1
Approaches immediately with relaxed body and soft eye contact	+1
Hesitant to approach, avoiding eye contact, body may be tense	−1
Makes nose contact with hand(s), feet, and/or face	+1
Remains with the handler, body relaxed	+1
Decreases distance	0
Subtest 7: Time Alone	
No risk for separation anxiety	0
Mild risk for separation anxiety	−1
Moderate risk for separation anxiety	−2
Severe risk for separation anxiety	−3

Level 1–2 resource guarding: dog remains relaxed either disengage from food to interact with the person or does not disengage from food. Level 3–4 resource guarding: dog becomes tense and aware at the human approach. + : the response is beneficial to human-dog interaction, safety and is generally favoured by people. 0 : the response is neither beneficial nor detrimental to human-dog interaction, safety and is neither favoured nor disliked by people. − : the response is detrimental to human-dog interaction, safety and is generally not favoured by people.

Dependent variables / Independent variables		$Log_{10}NT_{max}$	$Log_{10}NT_{mean}$	$Log_{10}DT_{max}$	$Log_{10}DT_{mean}$	DPF^a	$Log_{10}HT_{max}$	$Log_{10}HT_{mean}$	HPF^a
Cephalic index	β		0.39	--		0.48			0.97
	SE	--	0.49		--	0.86	--	--	0.78
	p		0.42			0.58			0.22
Stray									
	μ	4.13	0.65	3.54	1.29	0.2	3.49	1.27	0.2
	SD	2.43	0.3	2.1	0.58	0.13	2.25	0.6	0.14
Owner surrender									
	μ	3.23	0.52	2.84	1.01	0.18	2.66	1	0.17
	SD	1.44	0.2	1.47	0.37	0.12	1.25	0.36	0.11
	β	−0.24	−0.22	−0.22	−0.25	−0.074	−0.19	−0.21	−0.17
	SE	0.088	0.063	0.096	0.066	0.15	0.094	0.068	0.14
	p	0.0084	0.0008	0.022	0.0003	0.63	0.041	0.0029	0.23
Return									
Source	μ	3.71	0.56	3.03	1.09	0.15	2.78	1.07	0.14
	SD	2.26	0.21	1.9	0.37	0.12	1.55	0.32	0.1
	β	β −0.2	−0.14	−0.19	−0.148	0.032	−0.24	−0.13	−0.43
	SE	0.11	0.082	0.12	0.082	0.19	0.12	0.085	0.17
	P	0.079	0.091	0.11	0.076	0.87	0.047	0.12	0.013
Other									
	μ	3.72	0.63	3.38	1.2	0.23	3.17	1.2	0.22
	SD	1.49	0.23	1.5	0.39	0.16	1.32	0.41	0.12
	β	−0.094	−0.05	−0.033	−0.064	−0.133	0.00038	−0.039	−0.18
	SE	0.11	0.078	0.12	0.08	0.19	0.11	0.083	0.17
	p	0.39	0.52	0.78	0.42	0.47	0.99	0.64	0.27

Tension and pulling frequency were analyzed in log_{10} transformation. Dog age, behavioural level and size (body height, body length, weight and body condition score) were reported in [43], and dog sex was reported in [49]. NT_{max}: maximal net leash tension. NT_{mean}: mean net leash tension. DT_{max}: maximal leash tension caused by dog. DT_{mean}: mean leash tension caused by dog. HT_{max}: maximal leash tension caused by handler. HT_{mean}: mean leash tension caused by handler. DPF: dog pulling frequency. HPF: handler pulling frequency. [a] Pulling frequency = (Numbers of pulls) / (walking duration). A pull was defined as a bout of force greater than 0.1% of the dog's body weight force. μ: mean (before transformation) (kg force). SD: standard deviation of μ. β: regression coefficient. SE: standard error of β. p: p value of the model. --: Not

included in the generalized linear mixed model because the independent variable had high p-values in the bivariate regression model.

Table S3. Generalized linear mixed model of the effect of canine demographics on canine behaviour.

Dependent variables / Independent variables		Track (%)	Tail high (%)	Tail wag (%)	Gaze (no./sec)	Lip-lick (no./sec)	Eliminate-mark (no./sec)	Shake (no./sec)	Pant (%)	Sniff (%)
Age	β	−0.00085	0.000013	−0.00083	−0.000098	−0.00012	0.00012	−0.00005	0.0003	
	SE	0.00034	0.0011	0.00056	0.00027	0.00027	0.000089	0.000016	0.00052	--
	p	0.012	0.99	0.14	0.72	0.66	0.18	0.0021	0.56	
Cephalic index	β	0.3			−0.11		0.02	0.0049	−0.66	
	SE	0.13	--	--	0.11	--	0.033	0.0068	0.196	--
	p	0.025			0.33		0.55	0.47	0.0009	
Walking level — Level 1	μ / median	μ 15.87	median 85.34	median 2.03	median 0.01	median 0.01	median 0.01	median <0.01	median 0.17	μ 15.47
	SD / IQR	SD 15.59	IQR 18.82	IQR 4.02	IQR 0.01	IQR 0.01	IQR 0.01	IQR <0.01	IQR 2.86	SD 9.39
	β	0.047	0.023	0.13	0.015	--	--	−0.0028	−0.008	0.06
	SE	0.042	0.12	0.069	0.036			0.0021	0.066	0.044
	p	0.27	0.85	0.071	0.68			0.2	0.9	0.18
Level 2	μ / median	μ 14.22	median 90.49	median 0.09	median 0.01	median 0.01	median <0.01	median <0.01	median 7.19	μ 10.61
	SD / IQR	SD 9.9	IQR 34.82	IQR 2.98	IQR 0.02	IQR 0.02	IQR 0.01	SD <0.01	IQR 13.02	SD 8.78
	β	0.016	0.039	0.061	0.01	--	--	0.00087	0.029	−0.021
	SE	−0.017	0.042	0.029	0.014			0.00089	0.026	0.017
	p	0.35	0.36	0.038	0.46			0.33	0.27	0.21
Level 3	μ / median	μ 15.01	median 92.59	Median <0.01	median 0.01	median <0.01	median 0.01	median <0.01	median 8.49	μ 9.95
	SD / IQR	SD 11.6	IQR 11.49	IQR 1.88	IQR 0.01	IQR 0.01	IQR 0.01	SD <0.01	IQR 13.42	SD 6.74
Level 3 +	μ / median	μ 28.04	median 53.3	Median 3.57	median 0.02	median 0.01	median <0.01	median <0.01	median 3.22	μ 15.34
	SD / IQR	SD 12.22	IQR 76.05	IQR 7.22	IQR 0.02	IQR 0.01	IQR 0.01	IQR <0.01	IQR 5.27	SD 6.25
	β	0.14	−0.11	0.12	0.035	--	--	0.0021	−0.14	0.095
	SE	0.042	0.11	0.071	0.037			0.0022	0.062	0.046
	p	0.0015	0.32	0.093	0.35			0.36	0.027	0.039
Source — Stray	μ / median	μ 16.71			median 0.01	median < 0.01	Median <0.01	median <0.01		μ 10.2

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	Track	Tail high	Tail wag	Gaze	Lip-lick	Eliminate-mark	Shake	Pant	Sniff
SD / IQR	SD 11.66	median 89.31 IQR 35.92	median 0.73 IQR 3.03	IQR 0.01	IQR 0.01	IQR 0.01	IQR <0.01	median 8.81 IQR 15.24	SD 8.27
Return									
μ / median	Return μ 14.93	Return median 91.2	Return median <0.01	Return median 0.01	Return median <0.01	Return median < 0.01	Return median <0.01	Return median 2.86	Return μ 11.09
SD / IQR	SD 8.55	IQR 20.03	IQR 2.85	IQR 0.01	IQR 0.01	IQR < 0.01	IQR <0.01	IQR 11.03	SD 7.05
β	0.0039	--	--	--	--	−0.00059	−0.00039	−0.045	--
SE	0.03					0.0074	0.0014	0.045	
p	0.9					0.94	0.78	0.33	
Owner Surrender									
μ / median	μ 14.1	median 95.54	median <0.01	median 0.01	median 0.01	median <0.01	median <0.01	median 8.41	μ 10.23
SD / IQR	SD 12.57	IQR 12.46	IQR 2.03	IQR 0.02	IQR 0.02	IQR 0.01	IQR <0.01	IQR 12.64	SD 7.07
β	−0.022	--	--	--	--	0.00019	−0.000077	0.05	--
SE	0.024					0.0059	0.0011	0.036	
p	0.36					0.98	0.95	0.17	
Other									
μ / median	μ 13.42	median 90.33	median <0.01	median 0.01	median <0.01	median 0.01	median <0.01	median 6.18	μ 10.73
SD / IQR	SD 9.76	IQR 12.03	IQR 1.96	IQR 0.02	IQR 0.01	IQR 0.01	IQR <0.01	IQR 13.36	SD 9.11
β	−0.013	--	--	--	--	−0.0058	−0.000015	0.025	--
SE	0.028					0.0071	0.0013	0.042	
p	0.63					0.42	0.99	0.55	
Dog size [1] β		--	--	--	--	0.00000005	--	−0.000000001	0.0000001	<0.00000001
Dog size [1] SE						0.00000004		0.000000002	0.00000007	0.00000005
Dog size [1] p						0.17		0.66	0.14	0.99

Dog sex was reported in [49]. Track (%): tracking time (s)/total walking time (s) × 100%. Tail high (%): tail high time (s)/total walking time (s) × 100%, analysed in power of 7. Tail wag (%): tail wagging time (s)/total walking time (s) × 100%, analysed in power of 0.3. Gaze (no./sec): Numbers of gazes / time when the dog's head was visible in the Gopro video (s), analysed in power of 0.4. Lip-lick (no./ses): Numbers of lip-licks/time when the dog's head was visible in the Gopro video (s), analysed in power of 0.4. Eliminate-mark (no./s): Numbers of eliminate-marks/total walking time (s), analysed in power of 0.6. Shake (no./sec): Numbers of shakes/total walking time (s), analysed in power of 0.8. Pant (%): painting time (s)/time when the dog's head was visible in the Gopro video (s) × 100%, analysed in power of 0.5. Sniff (%): sniffing time (s)/total walking time (s) × 100%, analysed in power of 0.5. Dog size is the interaction of the dog's body height, body length, body weight, and body condition score (9-point scale) [51]. μ: mean (before transformation). SD: standard deviation of μ. IQR: interquartile range. β: regression coefficient. SE: standard error of β. p: p value of the model. --: Not included in the generalized linear mixed model because the independent variable had high p-values in the bivariate regression model.

Table S4. Generalised linear mixed model of the effect of canine demographics on human verbal cue.

Dependent variables / Independent variables		Total verbal cues (no./sec)¹	Attention getter (no./sec)²	Communication (no./sec)²	Negative verbal cue (no./sec)²	Praise (no./sec)¹	High-pitched voice (no./sec)¹	Command (no./sec)¹
Age	β	−0.00046	−0.00037	−0.00034	−0.00018			
	SE	0.00032	0.00024	0.00017	0.00014	--	--	--
	p	0.16	0.13	0.043	0.021			
Cephalic index	β		−0.16		--	0.168	−0.067	
	SE	--	0.13	--		0.094	0.072	--
	p		0.19			0.076	0.35	
Walking level	Level 1							
	μ / median			median <0.01	median <0.01		median <0.01	
	SD / IQR	μ 0.06	μ 0.01	IQR <0.01	IQR <0.01	μ 0.02	IQR 0.01	μ 0.03
	β	SD 0.04	SD 0.01	−0.0066	0.011	SD 0.02	−0.008	SD 0.02
	SE	--	--	0.022	0.021	--	0.023	--
	p			0.77	0.58		0.73	
	Level 2							
	μ / median			median <0.01	median <0.01		median <0.01	
	SD / IQR	μ 0.09	μ 0.02	IQR 0.01	IQR <0.01	μ 0.02	IQR 0.02	μ 0.03
	β	SD 0.06	SD 0.02	0.016	0.018	SD 0.03	0.0088	SD 0.03
	SE	--	--	0.011	0.009	--	0.01	---
	p			0.13	0.042		0.38	
	Level 3							
	μ / median	μ 0.08	μ 0.02	median <0.01	median <0.01	μ 0.02	median <0.01	μ 0.03
	SD / IQR	SD 0.07	SD 0.02	IQR <0.01	IQR <0.01	SD 0.02	IQR 0.01	SD 0.03
	Level 3+							
	μ / median			median <0.01	median <0.01		median 0.01	
	SD / IQR	μ 0.11	μ 0.03	IQR 0.01	IQR <0.01	μ 0.02	IQR 0.02	μ 0.05
	β	SD 0.12	SD 0.04	−0.0022	−0.0038	SD 0.02	0.031	SD 0.06
	SE	--	--	0.025	0.022	--	0.024	--
	p			0.93	0.86		0.2	
Source	Stray							
	μ / median	μ 0.09	μ 0.02	median <0.01	median <0.01	μ 0.02	median <0.01	μ 0.03
	SD / IQR	SD 0.07	SD 0.02	IQR 0.01	IQR <0.01	SD 0.03	IQR 0.02	SD 0.04
	Return							

μ / median	μ 0.08	μ 0.02	median <0.01	median <0.01	μ 0.02	median <0.01	μ 0.03
SD / IQR	SD 0.05	SD 0.02	IQR 0.01	IQR <0.01	SD 0.02	IQR 0.01	SD 0.03
β	--	--	--	--	--	−0.008	0.022
SE						0.014	0.018
p						0.56	0.23
Owner surrender							
μ / median	μ 0.08	μ 0.02	median <0.01	median <0.01	μ 0.02	median <0.01	μ 0.03
SD / IQR	SD 0.06	SD 0.02	IQR 0.01	IQR <0.01	SD 0.03	IQR 0.01	SD 0.03
β	--	--	--	--	--	−0.024	−0.01
SE						0.011	0.014
p						0.028	0.49
Other							
μ / median	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other	Other
	μ 0.09	μ 0.02	median <0.01	median <0.01	μ 0.03	median <0.01	μ 0.03
SD / IQR	SD 0.07	SD 0.02	IQR 0.01	IQR <0.01	SD 0.03	IQR 0.02	SD 0.02
β	--	--	--	--	--	−0.014	0.011
SE						0.013	0.017
p						0.29	0.5
Dog size [3] β			0.0000001	0.00000002			
SE	--	--	0.00000002	0.00000002	--	--	--
p			0.011	0.42			

Dog sex was reported in [49]. [1] Analysed after transformation to the power of 0.5. [2] Analysed after transformation to the power of 0.4. [3] Dog size is the interaction of the dog's body height, body length, body weight, and body condition score (9-point scale) [51]. μ: mean (before transformation). IQR: interquartile range. SD: standard deviation of μ. β: regression coefficient. SE: standard error of β. p: p value of the model. --: Not included in the generalized linear mixed model because the independent variable had high p-values in the bivariate regression model.

Table S5. Generalized linear mixed model of the effect of canine demographics on human body language.

Dependent variables Independent variables		Total body language (no./sec) [1]	Food reward (no./sec)	Hand gesture (no./sec) [2]	Physical contact (no./sec) [1]
Age	β	--	--	−0.14	--
	SE			0.096	
	p			0.16	
Cephalic index	β	--	0.00078	--	0.036
	SE		0.0056		0.14

	p		0.89		0.8
Walking level	Level 1				
	median	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	IQR	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	β	−0.055	--	−0.018	−0.047
	SE	0.052		0.027	0.042
	p	0.29		0.52	0.26
	Level 2				
	median	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	IQR	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	β	−0.0051	--	0.009	−0.021
	SE	0.02		0.011	0.017
	p	0.81		0.4	0.23
	Level 3				
	median	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	IQR	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.01
	Level 3+				
	median	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	IQR	0.02	<0.01	0.01	0.01
	β	0.022	--	0.017	−0.0031
	SE	0.053		0.029	0.042
	p	0.68		0.56	0.94
Source	Stray				
	median	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	IQR	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	Return				
	median	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	IQR	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
		--	--	--	--
	Owner sur-render				
	median	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	IQR	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.01
		--	--	--	--
	Other				

		Col1	Col2	Col3	Col4
	median	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
	IQR	0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.01
		--	--	--	--
Dog size [3]	β	0.00000012	--	--	0.00000012
	SE	0.00000005			0.00000004
	p	0.02			0.0058

Dog sex was reported in [49]. [1] Analysed after transformation to the power of 0.5. [2] Analysed after transformation to the power of 0.4. [3] Dog size is the interaction of the dog's body height, body length,f body weight, and body condition score (9-point scale) [51]. μ: mean (before transformation). IQR: interquartile range. SD: standard deviation of μ. β: regression coefficient. SE: standard error of β. p: p value of the model. --: Not included in the generalized linear mixed model because the independent variable had high p-values in the bivariate regression model.

Table 6. Generalised linear mixed model of the effect of canine demographics and leash tension caused by humans on volunteers' walking experience.

Independent variables	Dependent variables	Factor H [1]	Factor D
Age	β	17148	0.0033
	SE	8329	0.0013
	p	0.041	0.0096
Cephalic index	β	−2175064	
	SE	4330148	--
	p	0.62	
Walking level	Level 1		
	μ / median	median 5	μ 4.46
	SD / IQR	IQR 0	SD 0.64
	β	634392	−0.099
	SE	1228016	0.21
	p	0.61	0.63
	Level 2		
	μ / median	median 4.86	μ 4.33
	SD / IQR	IQR 0.57	SD 0.65
	β	499090	0.099
	SE	547599	0.084
	p	0.36	0.24
	Level 3		
	μ / median	median 4.86	μ 4.31
	SD / IQR	IQR 0.43	SD 0.61
	Level 3+		
	μ / median	median 4.14	μ 3.64
	SD / IQR	IQR 0.86	SD 0.87
	β	−3247938	−0.52
	SE	1328344	0.23
	p	0.016	0.026
	Stray		
	μ / median	median 4.86	μ 4.17
	SD / IQR	IQR 0.71	SD 0.71
	Return		
	μ / median	median 4.86	
	SD / IQR	IQR 0.43	μ 4.33
	β	90214	SD 0.73
	SE	759687	--
	p	0.91	
Source	Owner surrender	Owner surrender	
	μ / median	median 5	Owner surrender
	SD / IQR	IQR 0.36	μ 4.4
	β	525956	SD 0.55
	SE	583122	--
	p	0.37	
	Other		
	μ / median	4.86	
	SD / IQR	IQR 0.29	μ 4.34
	β	789479	SD 0.53
	SE	666421	--

	p	0.24	
	β	91669	−0.016
HT$_{max}$	SE	181225	0.031
	p	0.61	0.6
	β	−1963226	−0.28
HT$_{mean}$	SE	707425	0.11
	p	0.0062	0.011
	β	439	
Dog size [2]	SE	423	--
	p	0.3	

Dog sex was reported in [49]. [1] Analysed after transformation to the power of 10. [2] Dog size is the interaction of the dog's body height, body length, body weight, and body condition score (9-point scale) [51]. μ: mean (before transformation). IQR: interquartile range. SD: standard deviation of μ. β: regression coefficient. SE: standard error of β. p: p value of the model. --: Not included in the generalized linear mixed model because the independent variable had high p-values in the bivariate regression model.