

Small animal behaviour – dog behaviour

[Video DB1 – Introduction and senses](#)

Intended learning outcomes

Explain how a dog's sensory experience of the world may influence its behavior in order to best understand the dog's behaviour

Apply an understanding of the normal body language and behaviour of dogs in order to interpret their interactions with humans and other dogs

Success criteria

Describe key features of the dog's sense of smell and how it may influence the behaviour of a dog in a given situation

Describe the physical features of a dog's eyes, ears, mouth, tail and posture/movement which indicate whether the dog is relaxed or anxious/fearful

Describe behaviours which are likely to be seen in relaxed animals

Describe behaviours which are likely to be seen in anxious/fearful animals

Apply the 'Ladder of aggression' to a given scenario to predict how a dog is feeling and assess handling risk.

[Video DB2 – Preventing development of behavioural problems - puppies](#)

Intended learning outcome

Describe strategies to prevent development of problem behaviours to maximise the welfare outcomes for humans and dogs

Success criteria

Describe the importance of the socialisation period for puppies' future behavioural health

Describe the importance of puppy pre-school and outline important behaviours that should be addressed

Describe the importance of and safe strategies for socialising puppies to children

Describe the importance of and strategies for supporting puppies to learn to be alone

Video DB3 – Behavioural husbandry of dogs

Intended learning outcome

Describe strategies to prevent development of problem behaviours to maximise the welfare outcomes for humans and dogs

Success criteria

Describe why behavioural husbandry is important in dogs

Describe different ways that dogs can be exercised and the advantages of exercise for their physical and mental health

Describe the social needs of dogs and how these may be provided

Describe some activities that can be used for non-social enrichment of dogs