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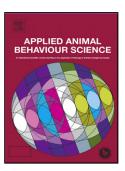
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Highlights:

A dog fear training tool was developed using behaviours owners could reliably recognize

Owner ratings of dog fear were assessed in participants with and without training

Training for dog fear identification improved recognition of dog fear in videos

Training did not alter how owners rate fear in their own dogs using the C-BARQ

Abstract

Scientific studies often assess aspects of dog behaviour, such as fear, via owner reports. More information

on how accurate these ratings are for dogs displaying different levels of fear would be valuable. The current

study assessed which fear behaviours dog owners are able to reliably recognize and whether provision of

training on recognition of fear alters participant ratings of fear in familiar and unfamiliar dogs. Dog owners

(n=735) were asked to identify which dog fear behaviours were present/absent in a series of videos. This

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