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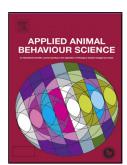
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Highlights

- Stroking the ventral part of the neck reduces avoidance distances of dairy cows.
- Positive human contact improves the human-animal relationship.
- High Responders and Low Responders cows perceives human strokes equally.

Abstract

The understanding of the ways in which cows with different personalities perceive human contact is essential for improving the quality of the human-animal relationship and therefore the welfare of dairy cows. The general objective of this study was to evaluate the effects of tactile stimulation

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