

Comparison of Short Observational Studies of the Behaviours of Captive Wolves and Domestic Dogs to identify Common Conspicuous Behaviours

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Abstract

A comparison of two short observational studies of the behaviours of a group of captive socialised wolves and a group of domestic dogs was carried out in order to identify common behaviours exhibited by both species. The observational studies were undertaken to establish the most obvious behaviours exhibited by both species, and the short observational periods of each of these studies confirms the conspicuousness of the behaviours exhibited, whilst also raising questions concerning the motivational aspects of some of the behaviours, where the behaviours were similar, but not entirely, obviously the same, and while also identifying other behaviours that were exhibited by only one species during the period studies.