

Selected types of aggressive behaviour of different utility dogs

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Canine aggression is a more and more serious problem in today's urbanized world. Considerable increase in the number of dogs living on a restricted area with very limited possibilities of exercise can cause aggression. The objective of the present study was to compare different kinds of aggression in pedigree dogs and non-pedigree dogs divided into 3 utility types (sheepdogs, hunting dogs and molosoid breeds). Aggressive forms of behaviour were divided into 8 kinds: fear motivated aggression, self defense aggression, dominance aggression, protecting aggression, aggression towards dogs, sovereign aggression, territorial aggression, hunting aggression. A higher level of aggression was observed in non-pedigree dogs. Among pedigree dogs different kinds of aggression were observed in relation to the utility group of the dogs. The highest degree of hunting aggression was observed in hunting dogs (50%) and sheepdogs (45%). Molosoid breeds most frequently showed dominance aggression (59%) and least frequently – fear motivated aggression (13%).