

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2002 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

Dog's Television

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

To determine which dogs respond more to sights and sounds on television. Smaller dogs tend to be smarter, hyperactive and very alert, especially terriers. Larger breeds are more laid back, easy going and relaxed. From this observation I conclude that the smaller dogs will watch television more than larger dogs. Also younger dogs will watch more television than older dogs.

Methods/Materials

Materials: Survey, pens, paper, variety of dogs and owners, 30 minute video tape of sights and sounds from television.

Method:

- 1. Create and conduct a survey with dog owners
- 2. Gather data from the dog owners based on their observations of their dog watching television.
- 3. Distribute the video tape and survey dog owners based on their dog watching the video.
- 4. Gather data, analyze and draw conclusions.

Results

Dogs that were older than five years of age did not respond to sounds on the television. Smaller dogs were more responsive to television visuals than larger dogs. The class of dog had no effect on the amount of response to television, neither sounds nor visuals.

Conclusions/Discussion

Younger, smaller dogs respond more consistently to television than older, larger dogs.

Summary Statement

To determine what types of dogs respond to sights and sounds on television.

Help Received

Mother bought all my supplies and drove me to the dog park several days to conduct the survey.