

Behavioural differences between urban, rural and indigenous communities

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Behaviour is a function of genetics, previous experience and environment. Dogs with a similar genetic behavioural predisposition may exhibit quite different behaviours in urban, rural or indigenous community environments.

Additionally each community will have different cultural attitudes towards dogs. Consequently, dogs developing in each of these communities will develop different learned behaviours. The key question is the extent to which these differences in behaviour are influenced by the differences in the environment, the differences in the dogs or, the differences in the community attitudes towards dogs? This paper will explore these issues.

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