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Tutors' preferences regarding the number and breed of dogs to keep as pets

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When thinking about owning a dog, some questions usually come to mind, such as the breed of animal, how many will be adopted or bought, among others. With the growing demand for pets in the home, the question arises as to how this choice and the introduction of a dog as a pet in today's families is going. The choice of breed is often one of the first decisions to be made. Each breed of dog has different characteristics, such as temperament, energy level, exercise requirements and predispositions to certain health conditions. The aim was to find out how many animals owners usually have, as well as which dog breeds are most commonly chosen in their homes. A survey was carried out with dog owners using a form created on Google Forms, which was made available to owners via social networks. It included the following questions: How many dogs do you own? The answer options were: one, two, three, four, five or more. Another question on the form was the following: What breed is your dog? The question asked the guardian to answer what breed their dog was and if it was mixed breed (without a defined racial standard). At the end of the survey, 77 responses were obtained from guardians. As for the number of animals, 53.2% answered that they owned one dog, 26% answered that they owned two, 9.1% answered that they owned three, 3.9% owned four and 7.8% owned five or more animals. By counting all the animals owned by the 77 guardians, we arrived at a total of 126 dogs. In the question asking about the breed of the animals, 48.4% of the dogs were mixed breed; 7.1% were poodle; 7.1% pug; 5.6% yorkshire; 4% dachshund; 4% shih tzu; 4% labrador; 3.2% pinscher; 2.4% german shepherd; 2.4% pitbull; 1.6% boxer; 1.6% belgian shepherd; 1.6% dalmatian; 1.6% golden retriever. With a lower percentage, but still mentioned, the chihuahua, siberian husky, maltese, spitz, rottweiler, chow chow and shar pei breeds accounted for 0.8% of the responses each. We can conclude that dog owners prefer to own just one dog. With regard to breeds, it can be seen that almost half of all animals are mixed breed, and then the most chosen breeds are poodle, pug, yorkshire, dachshund, shih tzu and labrador, most of which are small, except for the labrador.

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