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Preference for Dog breed in Mumbai city of Maharashtra

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Abstract

The present investigation was carried out to study, preference of dog (*Canis lupus familiaris*) breeds in Mumbai city of Maharashtra. The results indicated that the popular breed is a Labrador retriever of pale or yellow (fawn) colour followed by Indian Pariah and German shepherd.

Keywords: preference, dog breed, Mumbai

Introduction

Dogs are amazing creatures that shower their family with unconditional love, and are human's perfect companion. They keep the atmosphere lively, accompany you for walks and can actually take a bullet for your protection. Thousands of years ago, humans and dogs joined in a partnership of mutual benefit. Dogs provided protection and assistance to the humans who repaid the dogs with shelter and food. Over the years, humans have manipulated the appearance and function of dogs through the process of selective breeding. By choosing breeding stock with the qualities they needed for a specific job, humans developed breeds of dogs with specific traits. Selectiveness in choosing the pet depends upon the knowledge and interest of dog lovers. All dogs are individuals and have their own personalities. This information can be helpful while choosing a dog or trying to understand their behavior. The present study was undertaken to know the preference of dog breed in Mumbai city of Maharashtra.

Materials & Methods

Total 50 dogs belonging to Mumbai city of Maharashtra State were surveyed in the form of questionnaires for preference to different dog breeds. The collected data were subjected to percentage analysis (Snedecor and Cochran, 1994)^[3] and Pie chart diagram.

Result

The dog breeds identified in Mumbai city are Labrador Retriever of pale or yellow colour (fawn), Indian Pariah, German Shepherd and others, however overall percentage differs (Table1). It is observed that overall 40% preference is for Labrador Retriever followed by 10 % for Indian Pariah and German Shepherd. This indicates that maximum percentage of dog owner preferred Labrador Retriever. Whereas, very less preference for remaining breeds. The dog owners mostly prefer Labrador Retriever that are friendly and medium breed dogs.

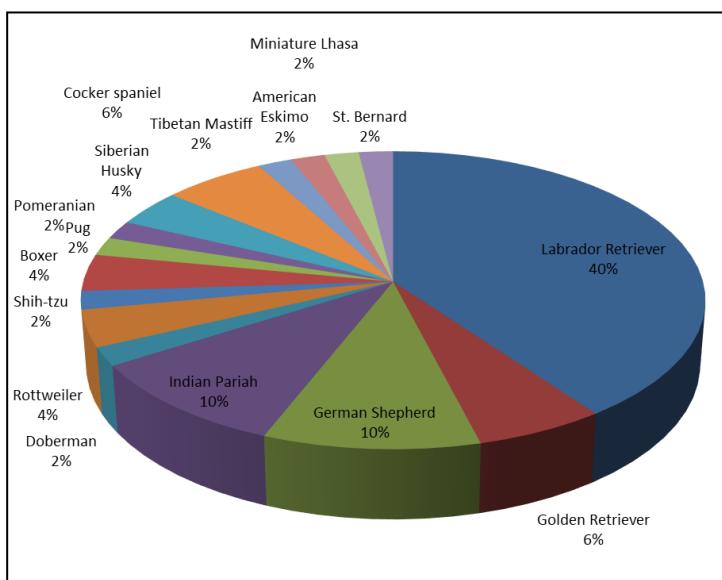
Discussion

Labrador Retriever are Mumbai's most popular dogs, as well as one of the most loved family dogs. In the domestic environment it is gentle, quickly trained and friendly. They belong to Group of Gundogs (KC, ANKC) and Sporting (AKC). The coat size is short with two layers, hard top coat and dense waterproof undercoat. Body is strongly built and close coupled with deep, wide chest. Neck is powerful. A sturdy tail of medium length with well covered short, dense hair. Legs are straight, well-boned with hocks, slightly bent on the hindquarters. Well-arched toes on round, compact feet. Well suitable for the climate of Mumbai. Minimal shedding which is twice in a year. Easy to Groom. Very gentle and playful with kids and old people

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Table 1: Number and Percentage of Preference for dog breed in Mumbai city.

Sr. No.	Breed	Number of dogs	Percentage
1.	Labrador Retriever	20	40
2.	Golden Retriever	03	6
3.	German Shepherd	05	10
4.	Indian Pariah	05	10
5.	Doberman	01	2
6.	Rottweiler	02	4
7.	Shih-tzu	01	2
8.	Boxer	02	4
9.	Pug	01	2
10.	Pomeranian	01	2
11.	Siberian Husky	02	4
12.	Cocker spaniel	03	6
13.	Tibetan Mastiff	01	2
14.	American Eskimo	01	2
15.	Miniature Lhasa	01	2
16.	St. Bernard	01	2
Total		50	100

**Fig 1:** Pie chart showing the percentage of Preference for dog breed in Mumbai city

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