

SURVEY AND EDUCATION OF ABNORMAL BEHAVIOURAL CONDITIONS OCCURRING IN DOGS, CATS, BIRDS AND RABBITS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

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Our study aims to identify and determine the most prevalent behavioural issues in commonly kept pet species, dogs, cats, birds and rabbits, of Trinidad and Tobago. This will provide the information needed to design extensive educational programmes concerning animal behaviour. Educating pet owners on abnormal behaviours aids in identifying and defusing situations, while avoiding punishing or restricting natural behaviours of the animal. This information is being collected using an online questionnaire of closed and open-ended questions being completed by local pet owners. The survey includes species specific behavioural markers and attitudes of pet owners to managing these abnormalities. We also created pamphlets to educate owners on abnormal behavioural patterns that their animals may be exhibiting. We aim to educate pet owners and the public on abnormal behavioural conditions and determine ways to prevent and manage these conditions in their pets.

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