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Domestic Dog (*Canis familiaris*) – Attention To, Cooperation With, and Attachment Towards the Owner

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Dear Colleagues,

It has been established that family dogs develop a special affectional bond, attachment, towards their owners. This human–analogue behaviour system serves as a scaffolding for many of their socio-cognitive skills. Dogs' dependence on their human partners provides the basis of their efficient interspecific communication and interactions; they pay attention to humans, cooperate with them and learn from them via observation.

With the spread of pet keeping in industrialized countries, dog ownership shows an accelerating trend. Although most dogs are no longer kept for any specific purpose, their ability to communicate and cooperate with the owners is still of crucial importance. We require science-based data, the genetic and/or environmental factors of which may improve our knowledge of the human–dog relationship, ensure the success of their interactions and increase the efficiency of cooperation between family dogs and owners.



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