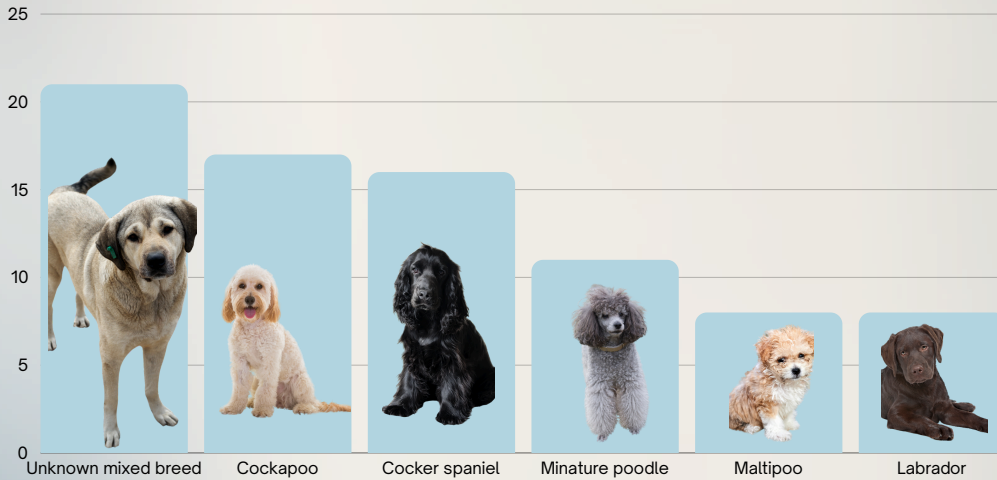


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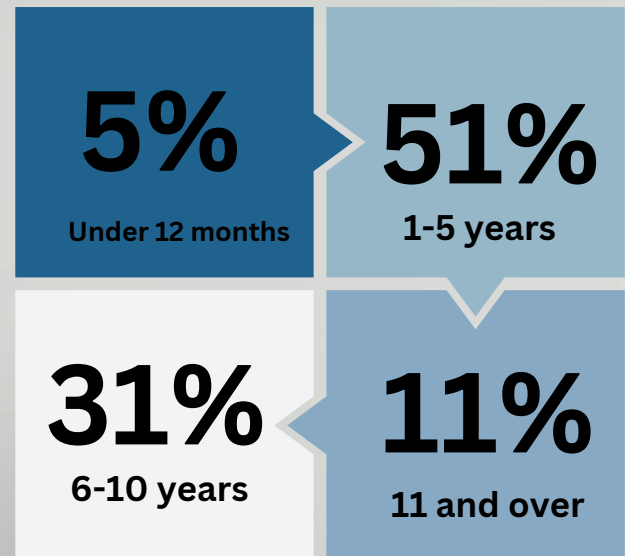
## BREED DEMOGRAPHIC

116 different breeds/breed combinations appeared in the survey. These were the ones that had the highest percentage of responses.



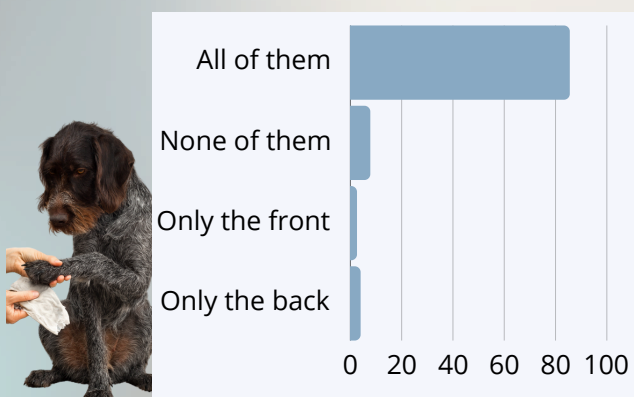
## AGE OF DOGS

Number of dogs in each age group

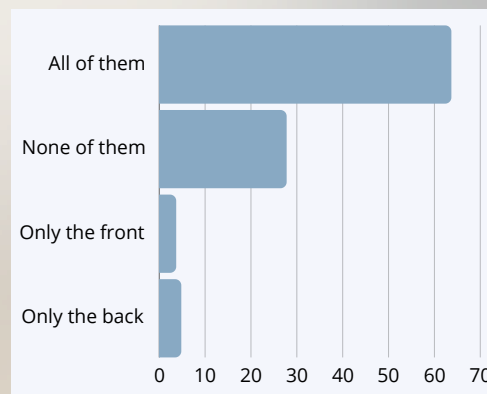


## PAW HANDLING

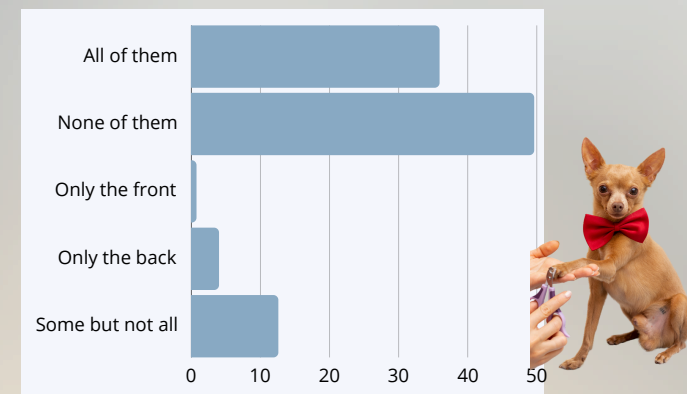
Percentage of guardians who can complete various handling tasks for their dogs front paws



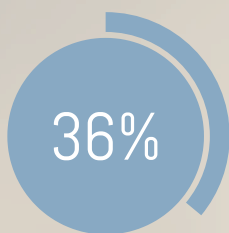
**CAN YOU WIPE YOUR DOGS PAWS?**



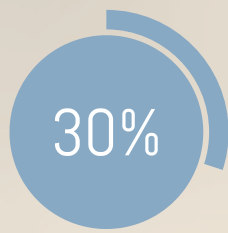
**CAN YOU BRUSH YOUR DOGS FEET?**



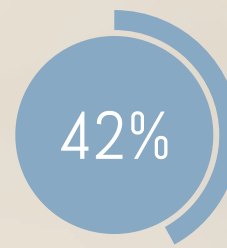
**CAN YOU CLIP YOUR DOGS CLAWS?**



Said they handle their dogs paws daily



Said their dogs nails had bled after clipping



Said their dogs had a previous leg/foot injury



Said their dogs reaction changed after a particular event

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## BEHAVIOUR



## NAIL CLIPPING

What stops guardians from clipping their dogs nails at home



**34%**

said the groomer does it



**7%**

said the vet does it

## “what stops you clipping their nails at home?”

### Confidence

**14%** said they didn't feel confident enough

### Dog hates it

**54%** said it was due to their dogs reaction

### Using a scratchboard

**10%** were using alternative methods

*Only 12% of the respondents to this question mentioned doing any training with their dog to improve their response to nail clipping*

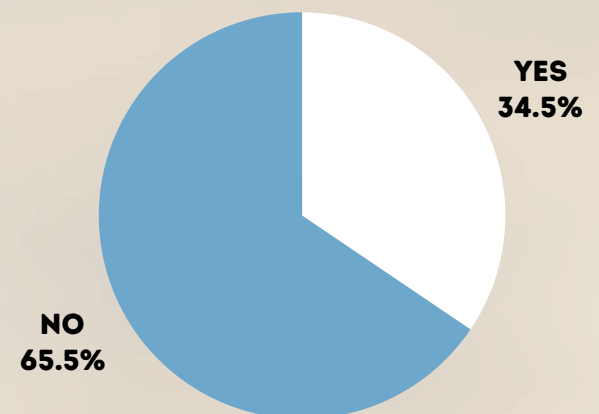
## AT THE VETS

Is your dog comfortable having their legs handled by a vet?



## AT THE GROOMERS

Have you been told your dogs legs are difficult to groom?



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## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

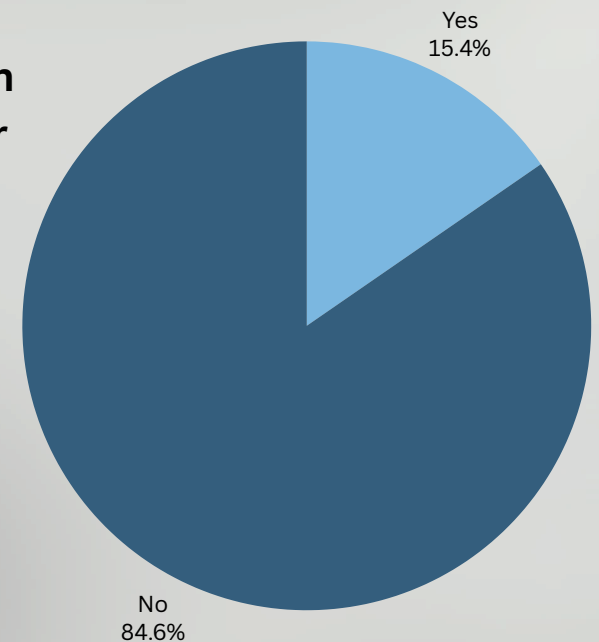
**47%**

Said they attended puppy classes with their dog

**5**

People said they had support from a Behaviourist

“Have you ever been given advice from your groomer as to how to brush your dogs legs and feet?”



“Were you taught how to correctly handle your dogs legs and feet?”

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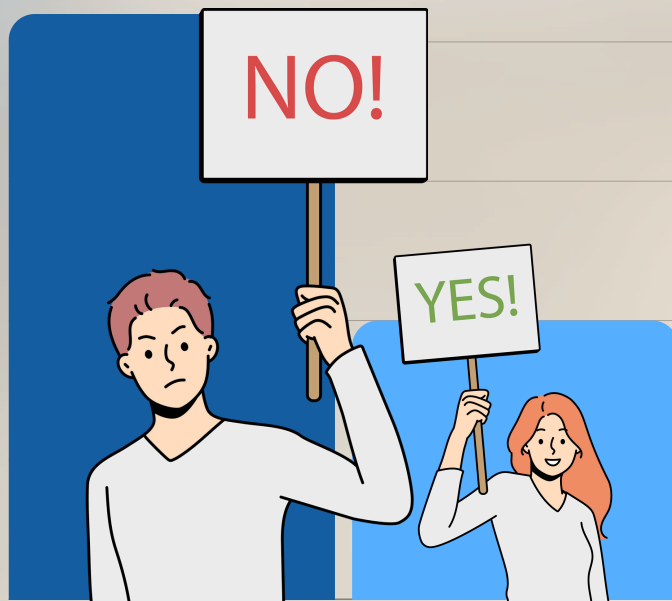
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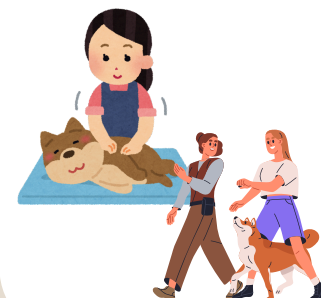


Item 1



38% of respondents said they would be interested in a body handling masterclass, (52% said maybe)

Majority felt the masterclass should be run by a canine massage therapist, chiropractor or a behaviourist



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## EDUCATION



75%

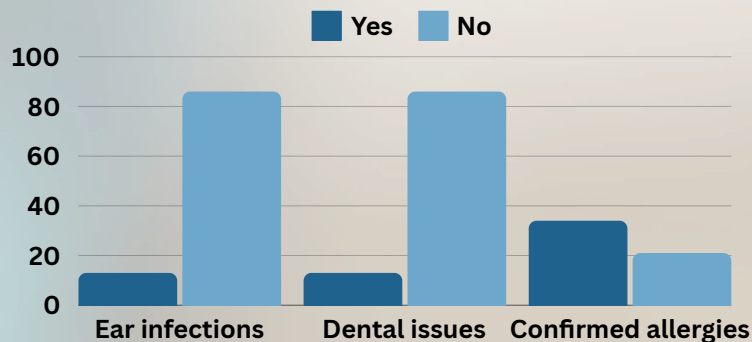
Said they knew when their dogs claws were too long

53%

Said they knew there was a difference between the joints in the front and the back legs

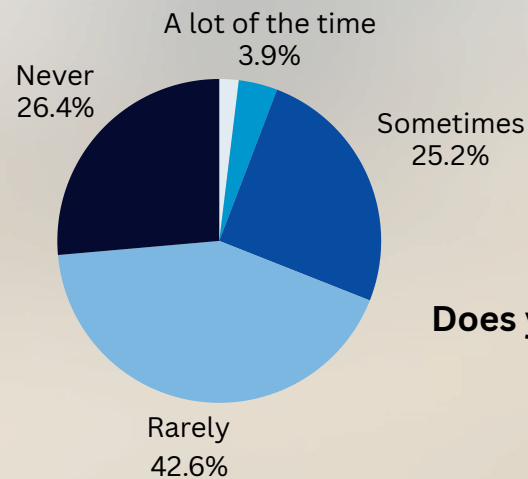


## HEALTH AND HABITS

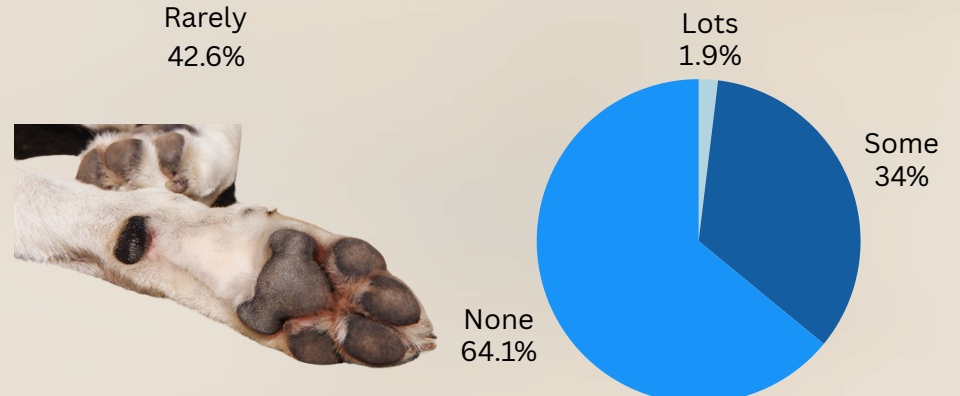


From a holistic perspective, there is a question as to whether ear, dental pain or allergies can impact the tolerance levels of front leg handling. Guardians were asked if their dog had suffered with any of the above.

Does your dog regularly chew at their feet?



Does your dog have any fur staining between their toes?



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### IN YOUR PERSONAL OPINION WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MAIN REASON FOR DOGS DISLIKING THEIR FRONT LEGS BEING HANDLED?

