



# High School Doggy Daycare Programs: Measuring Their Benefits to Agriculture Programs



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## INTRODUCTION

There is a lack of empirical evidence about how effective doggy daycare programs may be in helping veterinary programs teach their students desired technical and nontechnical skills.

## METHODS

- An online questionnaire was developed that examined student confidence in technical/soft veterinary skills.
- A pilot study was conducted with students enrolled at the Timber Creek Doggy Daycare program in Spring 2020.

## RESULTS TO DATE

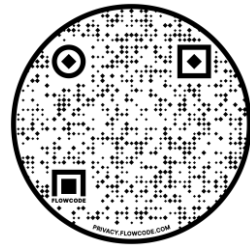
- Students are gaining technical (M=4.41, SD=0.645) skills but they are gaining fewer client-specific soft skills (M=3.8, SD=0.904).
- There are areas within doggy daycare programs that Ag-Ed teachers need to address.

## FUTURE PLANS

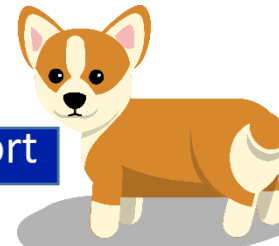
- Research should be conducted utilizing research procedures that can increase the validity, reliability, and generalizability of the study.

## RESOURCES NEEDED

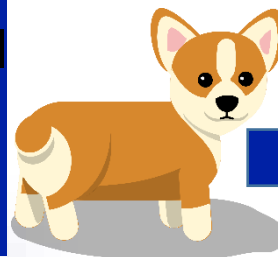
- Qualtrics and SPSS software
- A list of agricultural programs that have Doggy Daycare programs.
- Time and Commitment



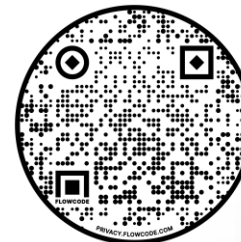
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# Agricultural Education High School Doggy Daycare programs have a positive impact on student's skill development, but further research needs to be conducted.



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## DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

- 1=strongly disagree; 5=strongly agree

## SOFT SKILL ACQUISITION

- I believe that Doggy Daycare has helped with my interactions with people.

N	Range	Min	Max	Mean	Std Dev
71	2	3	5	4.13	0.653

- I feel that Doggy Daycare has increased my confidence in soft skills (for example, teamwork, communication, etc.)

N	Range	Min	Max	Mean	Std Dev
71	2	3	5	4.34	0.608

- I have learned skills needed to interact with clients in different situations (ex. pet is sick, pet just died, etc.)

N	Range	Min	Max	Mean	Std Dev
71	3	2	5	3.80	0.904

## TECHNICAL SKILL ACQUISITION

- I feel that Doggy Daycare has boosted my confidence in my veterinary skills. (examples include working with animals, giving proper care, treating patients etc.)

N	Range	Min	Max	Mean	Std Dev
71	2	3	5	4.37	0.660

- I would feel confident to work in a vet's office after graduating from the program and Doggy Daycare.

N	Range	Min	Max	Mean	Std Dev
71	3	2	5	4.17	0.717