

Survey:	Dog Video Training Topics
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Total responses:	334
Response period:	Survey open from: 10 February to 01 April 2014 The survey took approximately 5-10 minutes to complete
Target Audience:	Those involved in the care of rescue dogs in Australia. This survey was sent to trainers, foster carers, rescue groups and shelter workers.
Objective of survey:	The objective of this survey was to collect information from dog foster carers and those involved in rescue groups to determine their training needs.
Aim of the project:	To create educational dog training video clips for foster carers, rescue groups, shelters and the general public based on the needs identified from the survey conducted. These videos will be produced by professional dog trainers around Australia using positive reinforcement methods and available for viewing for free on the 'Association of Pet Dog Trainers Australia' – YouTube channel.

Q1 - Which behaviours have you found to be the most challenging to deal with in regards to rescue dogs in your care?

Behaviour responses	No of responses
Dog to dog reactivity	68
Dog is timid / fearful /shy	50
Barking (night and day)	46
Toilet training (puppies and older dogs) including marking behaviours	45
Separation anxiety	42
Dogs with no basic training including no recall	42
Destructive behaviours (including digging and chewing)	38
Reactivity towards humans	36
Anxiety	28
Jumping up on people	27
Escaping either by digging out or jumping the fence	25
Pulling on the lead	18
Food guarding	17
Resource guarding including guarding foster carer	14
On leash reactivity towards other dogs	13
Excitability / over-stimulated/boisterous/over the top/hyperactive	13
Initial introductions with carers resident animals and getting them use to each other /settling dog in carers home	9
Reactive towards other animals including in carers home (what type of animals not specified)	7
High prey drive / predatory behaviour towards small animals	7
Mouthing / nipping kids and adults	4
Counter surfing	4
Dog/cat introduction (situation not specified)	4
Cat chasing	4
Impulse control	2
Inappropriate play behaviour	2
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	2
Dogs who have been in pounds a long time and teaching them how to deal with people and dogs again	1
Scared of thunderstorms	1
Adapting from racing life to pet life (greyhounds)	1
Fearful of grooming	1
Weight issues	1
Kennel directed reactivity (fence fighting, hyper-arousal)	1
Pooping in food bowls	1
Getting dog use to travelling in car	1
Submissive wetting	1
Physical and mental abuse	1
Dog eating poo	1
Overeating (worried won't get another meal)	1

Q2 - What behaviours shown by a dog, do you find are discouraging applicants from adopting that dog?

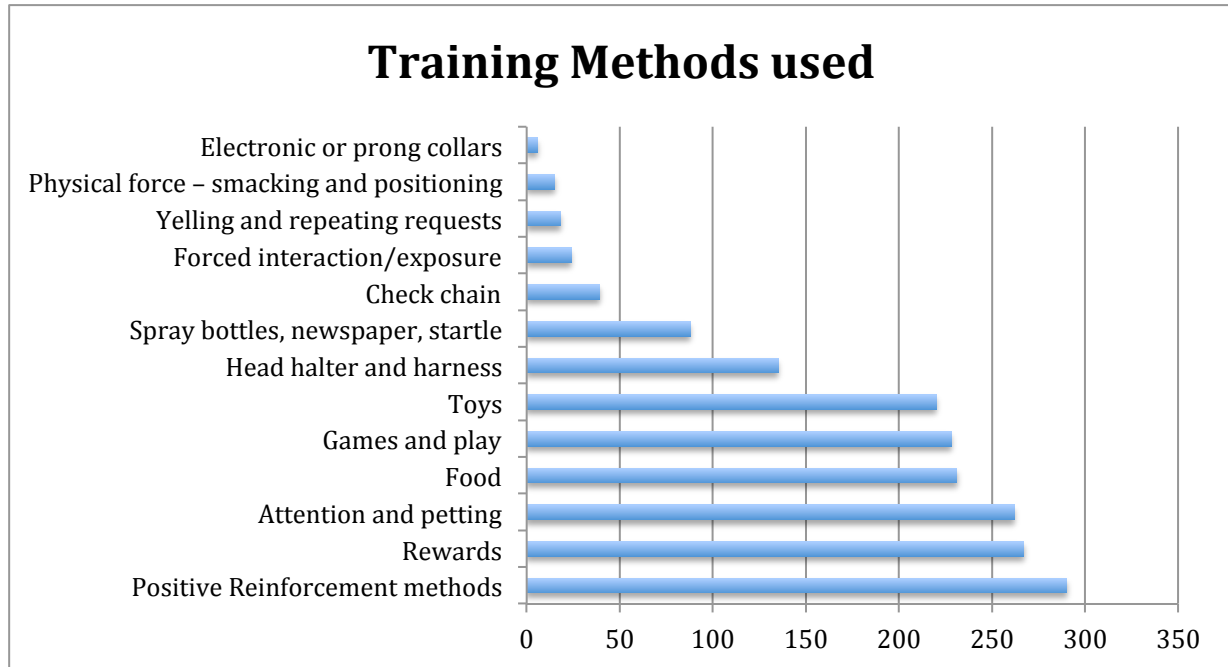
Behaviour responses	No of responses
Jumping up (including on kids)	78
Excessive barking	50
Reactivity towards humans	44
High energy / over the top / hyperactive/excited	42
Fear / nervous / shy / timid / scared	35
Destructive Behaviour (including chewing and digging)	31
Dog to dog reactivity	26
Pulls on lead	25
No basic training including no recall	23
Separation anxiety	20
Toilet training (puppies and older dogs) including marking behaviours inside the home	19
Escaping / jumping fence	16
Mouthing people / nipping	12
Anxiety	12
Does not interacting with potential adopters	12
Does not get on with other dogs	9
Prey drive	8
Not getting on with cat	6
Leash reactive	5
Resource guarding	4
Cat chasing	4
Wrong fit for family	2
Lack of socialisation /anti social	2
Food guarding	2
Does not like children / not child friendly	2
Jumping up on the kennel door	1
Barking at adopters from kennel	1
Spinning in kennel or jumping on walls in kennel	1
Excited urination	1
Crying	1
Doesn't travel in car well	1
Eating faeces	1

Q3 - What are some of the common behaviour reasons for people returning your adopted dogs?

Behaviour responses	No of responses
Not getting along with resident pet/s and/or resident pet doesn't get on with new pet	42
Destructive behaviours including digging and chewing	33
Escaping / fence jumping	31
Barking	29
Separation anxiety	28
Excitability / over-stimulated / boisterous	26
Reactive to humans	25
Dog to dog reactivity	20
Jumping up (including up on kids)	13
Anxiety	10
Not bonding with new owner / did not settle into household	10
Pulls on lead	9
Dogs with no basic training including no recall	7
Toilet training (puppies and older dogs)	6
Cat chasing	6
Resource guarding	5
Prey drive sometimes resulting in death of animal (2 resident cats and 2 chooks)	5
Mouthing / nipping	4
Dog is frightened / timid / fearful	4
Not getting on with children	4
Inappropriate play behaviour	3
Lack of socialization with people and animals	3
Counter surfing	2
Food guarding	2
Reactive on leash	1
Failed as a potential herding dog	1

Q4 - TRAINING METHODS

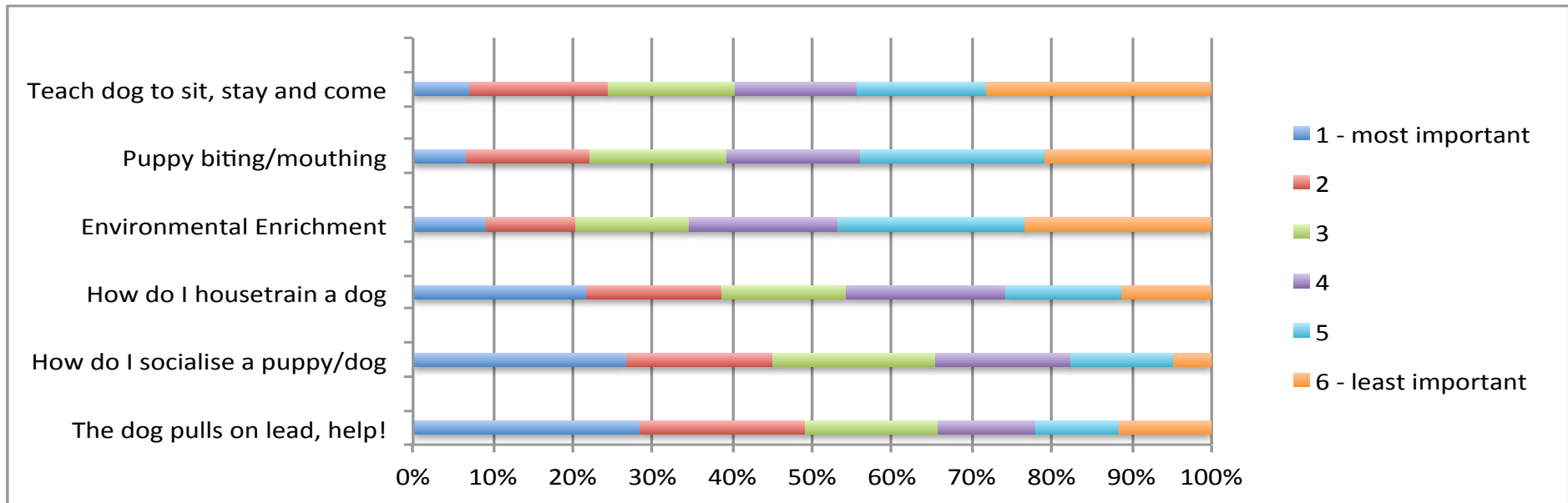
Select all the training methods and/or equipment that you currently use with rescue dogs in your care?



Training Methods/Equipment	Response
Electronic or prong collars	6
Physical force – smacking and positioning	15
Yelling and repeating requests	18
Forced interaction/exposure	24
Check chain	39
Spray bottles, newspaper, startle	88
Head halter and harness	135
Toys	220
Games and play	228
Food	231
Attention and petting	262
Rewards	267
Positive Reinforcement methods	290

Q5 - TRAINING BASICS

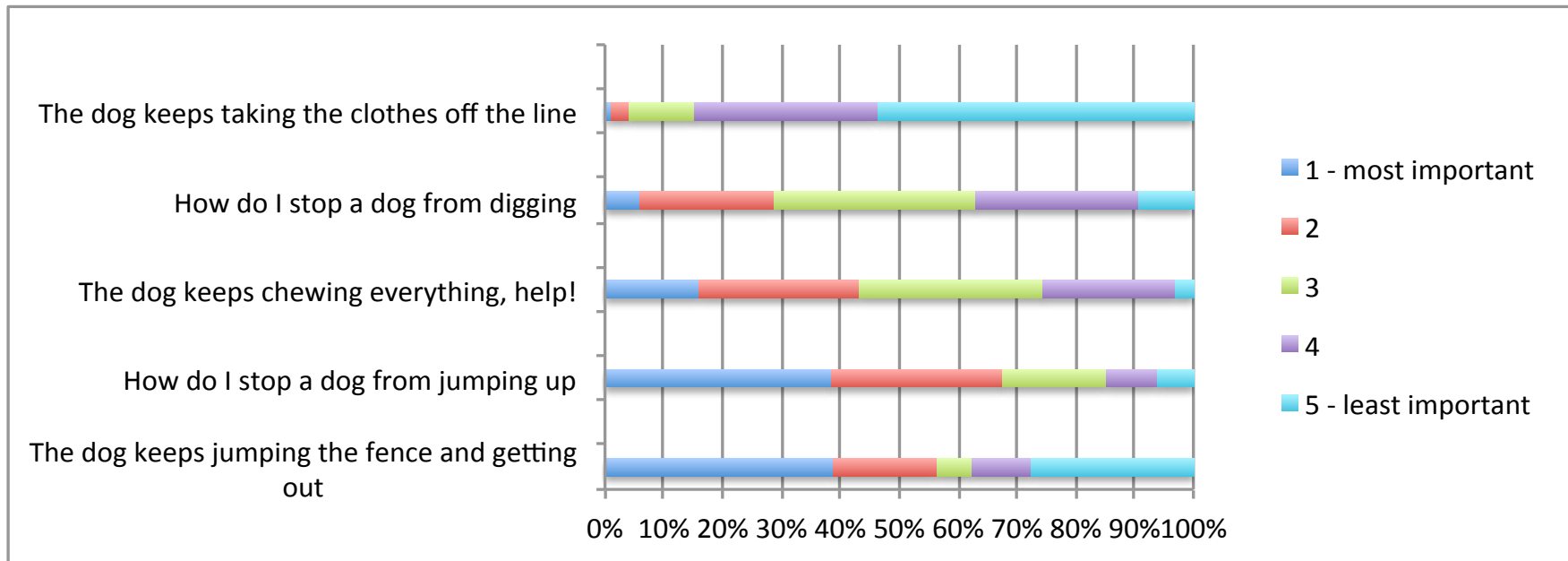
Which training topics below do you feel would help you, to train the rescue dog/s in your care and further assist the dog/s to get adopted? Please rate the following in order of most important topics with 1 being the Most Important and 6 being the Least Important



	1 (most important)	2	3	4	5	6 (least Important)
Teach dog to sit, stay and come	21	51	47	45	48	83
Puppy biting/mouthing	20	46	51	50	69	62
Environmental Enrichment	27	33	42	55	69	69
How do I housetrain a dog	64	50	46	59	43	33
How do I socialise a puppy/dog	79	54	60	50	38	14
The dog pulls on lead, help!	84	61	49	36	31	34

Q6 - PROBLEM BEHAVIOURS

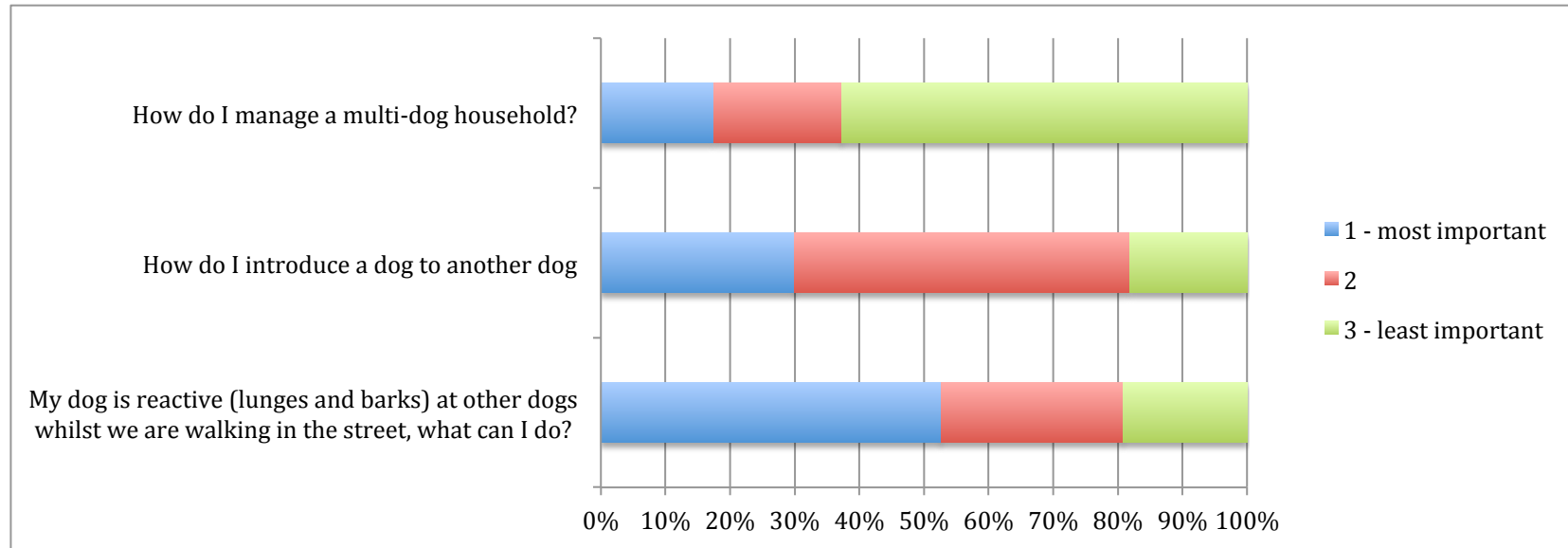
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	1 (most important)	2	3	4	5 (least important)
The dog keeps taking the clothes off the line	3	9	32	90	155
How do I stop a dog from digging	17	66	99	80	27
The dog keeps chewing everything, help!	46	79	90	65	9
How do I stop a dog from jumping up	111	84	51	25	18
The dog keeps jumping the fence and getting out	112	51	17	29	80

Q7 - DOGS AND OTHER DOGS

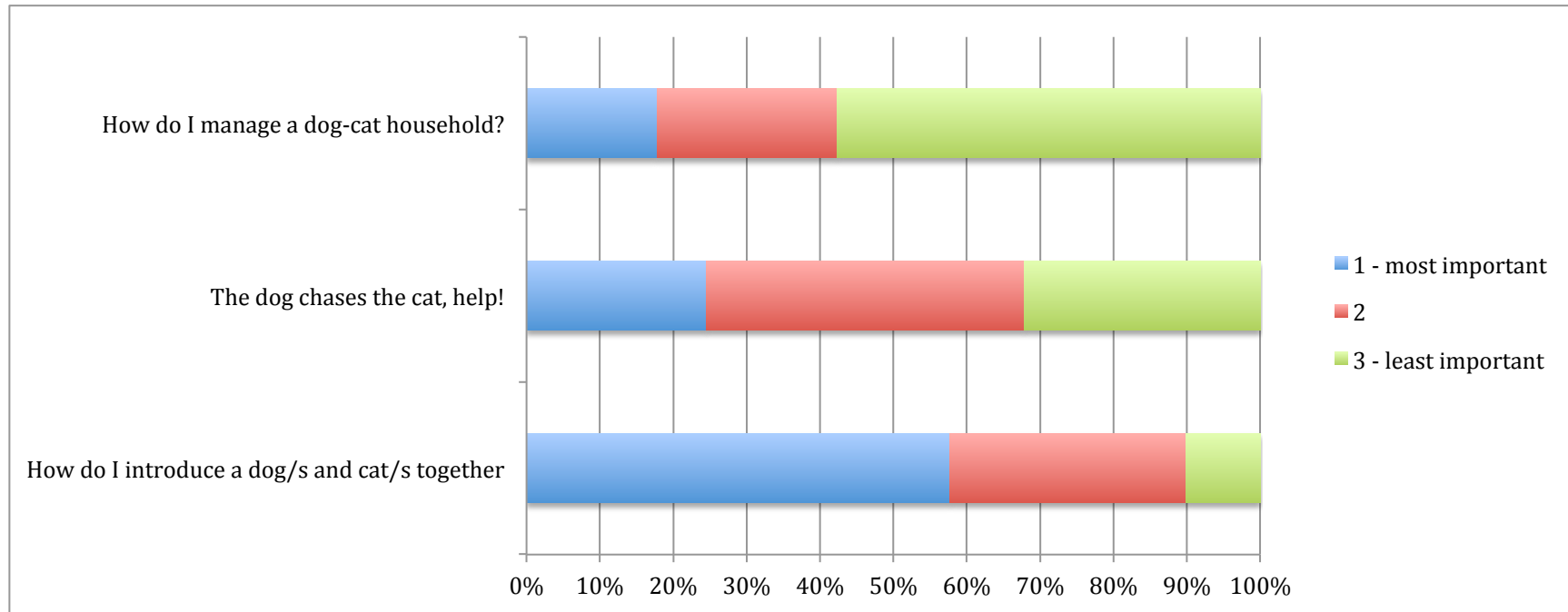
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	1 (most important)	2	3 (least important)
How do I manage a multi-dog household?	50	57	180
How do I introduce a dog to another dog	86	149	52
My dog is reactive (lunges and barks) at other dogs whilst we are walking in the street, what can I do?	151	81	55

Q8 - DOGS AND CATS

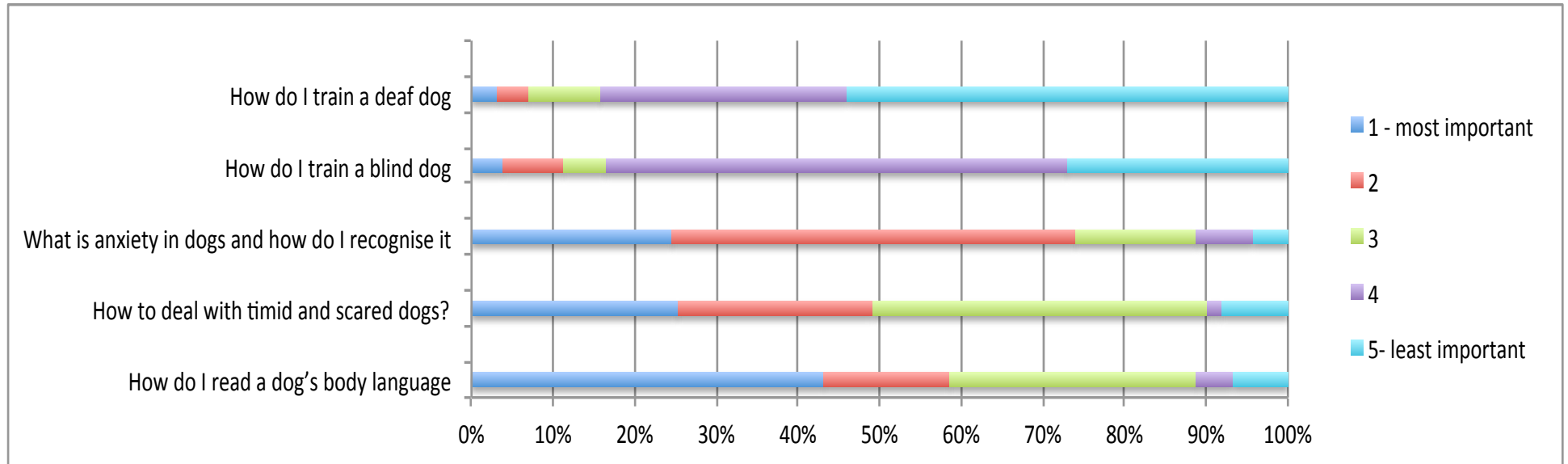
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	1 (most important)	2	3 (least important)
How do I manage a dog-cat household?	51	70	165
The dog chases the cat, help!	70	124	92
How do I introduce a dog/s and cat/s together	165	92	29

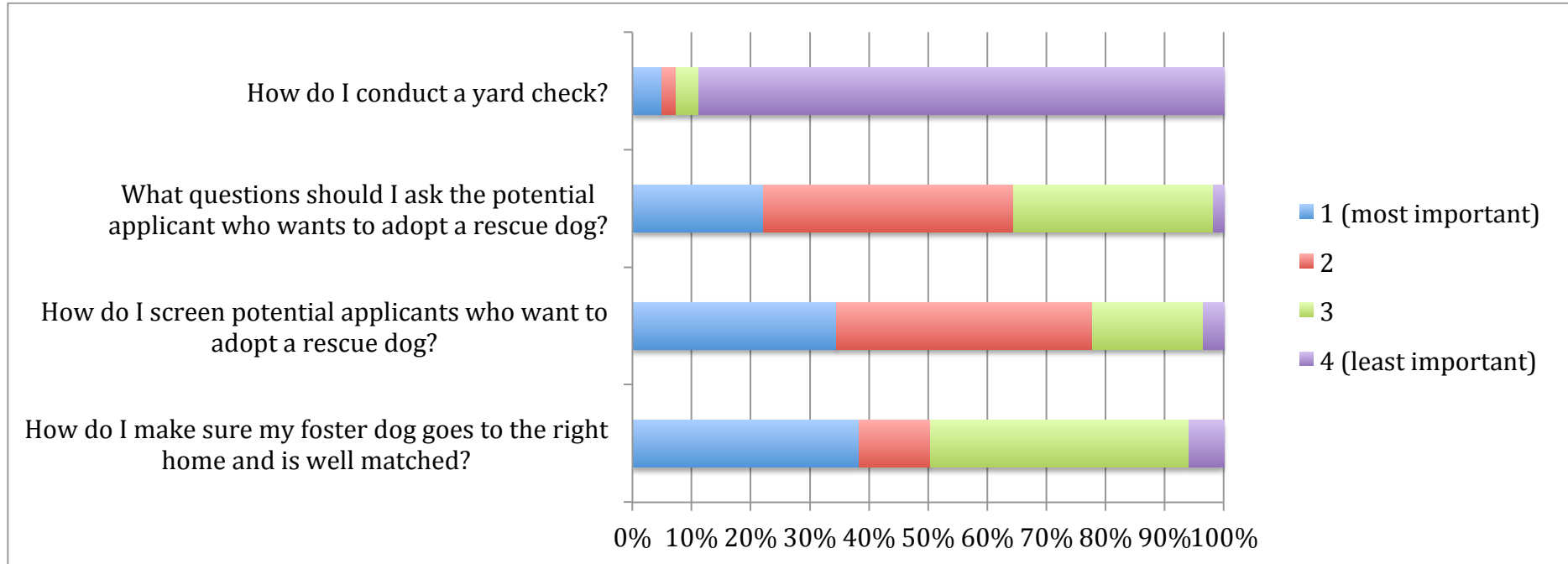
Q9 - OTHER TOPICS

Which training topics below do you feel would help you, to train the rescue dog/s in your care and further assist the dog/s to get adopted? Please rate the following in order of most important topics with 1 being the Most Important and 5 being the Least Important



	1 (most important)	2	3	4	5 (least important)
How do I train a deaf dog	9	11	25	86	154
How do I train a blind dog	11	21	15	161	77
What is anxiety in dogs and how do I recognise it	70	141	42	20	12
How to deal with timid and scared dogs?	72	68	117	5	23
How do I read a dog's body language	123	44	86	13	19

Q10 - Which topics below do you feel would help you further with the adoption process? Please rate the following in order of most important topics with 1 being the Most Important and 4 being the Least Important



	1 (most important)	2	3	4 (least important)
How do I conduct a yard check?	14	7	11	252
What questions should I ask the potential applicant who wants to adopt a rescue dog?	63	120	96	5
How do I screen potential applicants who want to adopt a rescue dog?	98	123	53	10
How do I make sure my foster dog goes to the right home and is well matched?	109	34	124	17