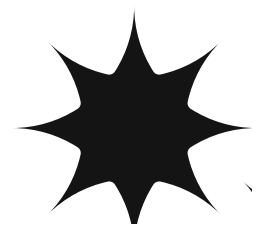
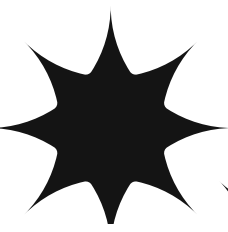


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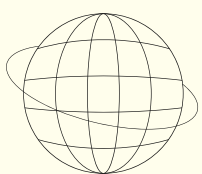
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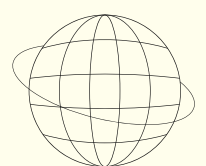
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WHAT IS PREY DRIVE

Background

Prey drive is something that is entirely natural to dogs. They are the descendants of animals who caught other animals to stay alive.

Dogs around the world now live more by scavenging or being fed by people but that does not change the roots of who they are.

Simply put, prey drive is how much desire the dog has to do something with prey.

Purpose

Dogs rarely need a prey drive for survival but prey drive still has a purpose for many modern dog breeds.

It is at the root of what gives these sorts of dogs the drive to do the work they do for humans:

- Hounds
- Terriers
- Gundogs
- Herding Dogs
- And their mixes

WHAT IS PREY DRIVE?



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Search Stage

Also called hunt – the dog is working to find prey.

Approach Stage

This includes the dog orienting toward the prey, eyeing and stalking

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Chase Stage

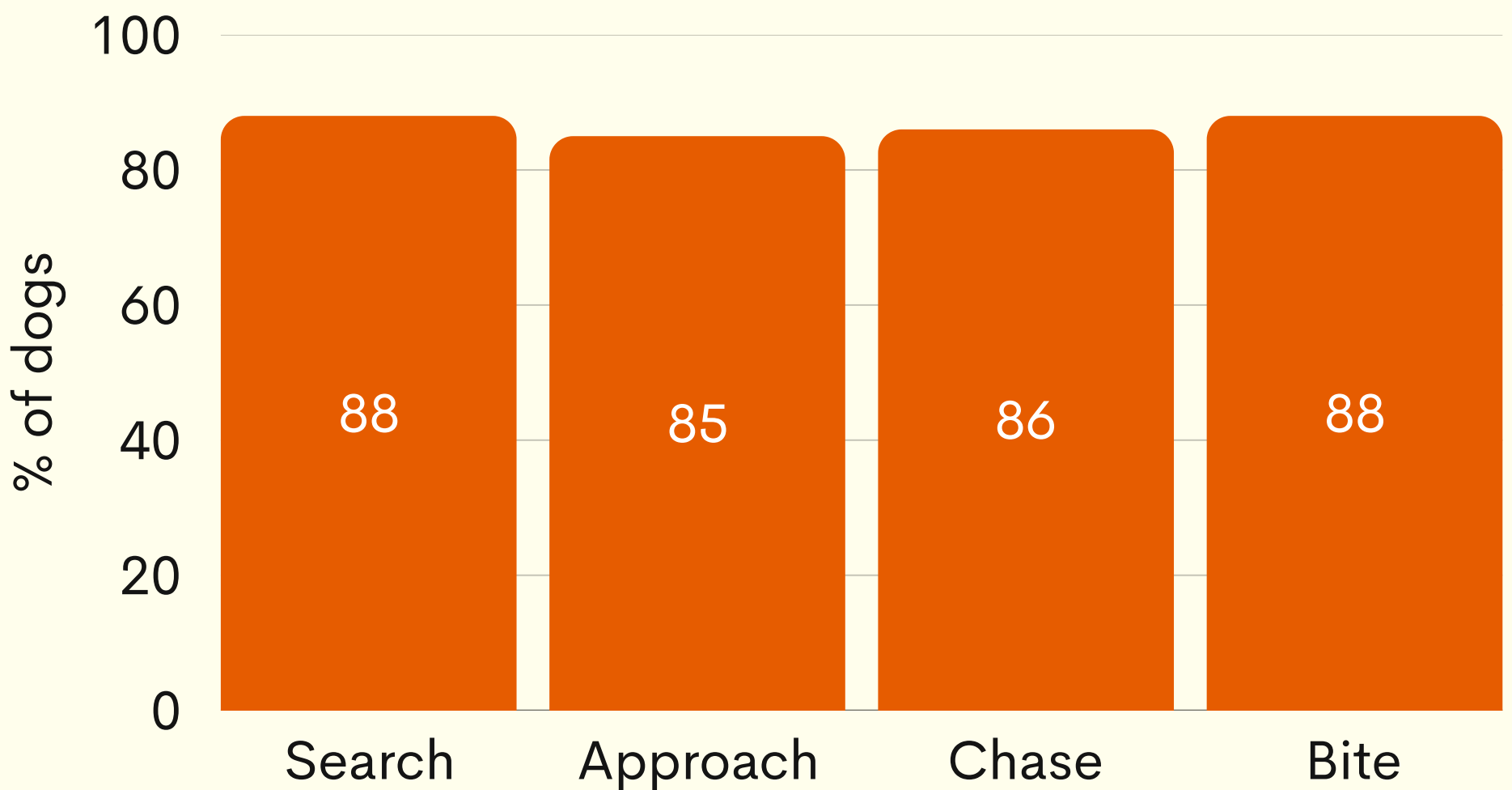
The dog has approached and is close enough so they give chase.

Bite Stage – If dogs can they may prod with their nose, bite, shake, carry or dissect prey.

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RESEARCH FINDINGS



The research was carried out during my master's degree and then published in the Applied Animal Behaviour Science Journal.

1,875 dogs were part of the research and the graph shows the percentages of those dogs who were said to perform at least one of the behaviours in that stage often or that the dog would be described as living for it.

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