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## Preference for Gender (Male/Female) in Dogs of Mumbai city in Maharashtra

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**ABSTRACT:** The present investigation was carried out to study, preference for gender (Male/Female) in dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*) of Mumbai city in Maharashtra. The results indicated that most of the dog owners prefer Male dogs.

**KEYWORDS:** Preference, Gender (Male/Female) in dogs, Mumbai.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Dogs are the most amazing of God's creations, who most of the Pet parents refer to as 'Our babies' never 'Our dogs'. Selectiveness in choosing the pet depends upon the knowledge and interest of dog lovers. A four-legged companion in your life can bring a bounty of rewards. Not only do pets offer love and affection, but they can help keep your immune system strong, reduce depression, even lower blood pressure. Part of finding the right dog, of course is getting to know yourself. The journey to lasting doggy happiness starts by choosing the right gender of dog for you, and you need to consider which dog breed suits your lifestyle and personality. Before you acquire any kind of dog, you should ask yourself what you want from it – and what you don't want. Should you have a Male dog or a Female dog (Bitch)? With smaller dogs there is rarely any great difference in temperament between the sexes, but some larger male dogs are more aggressive than female dogs (bitches) of the same breed. They may also be more protective of their territory and have a tendency to wander. If you buy a female dog (bitch), you have to be prepared to deal with her, and with the males living nearby when she is in season. It's a relationship that will last 10-15 years, after all. (Susan Egerton – Jones & Caroline Taggart, 1993)

### II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The two core considerations that most potential dog owners think about before they even begin looking around for their perfect dog or puppy are what breed or type of dog they wish to own, and if they wish to own a Male dog or a Female dog (bitch).

Just as the temperament and core traits of dogs as whole will vary from breed to breed, there are also some core differences between the temperament and personality traits of Male and Female dogs, which will often dictate to some extent how the Male dog or a Female dog (bitch) in question will behave and think.

It is very important to understand that 'Breed' too plays an important role in personality and character of a Male dog or a Female dog (bitch). How puppies were first socialized makes a very big impact on how a Male dog or a Female dog (bitch) may turn out when they are older. Then of course there is the all-important training which is not done as soon as you take a dog home, will have a real bearing on the character of a dog whether they are Male or a Female.

Male dogs tend to be more disobedient even when they are older and although not every male dog will turn out to be naughtier when it comes to listening to their owners, they are generally tougher natured than their female counterparts. There are other things male dogs will do more than female dogs (bitches) one of which is to take off at the first opportunity if they get wind of something they find interesting but again not all male dogs do this, it's just they are more likely to do than a female dog (bitch).

Males tend to be more aggressive and are usually the ones to start a fight with other dogs or be attacked by other dogs. When it comes to female dogs (bitches), they are often soft natured than their male counterparts with many being a lot

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easier to train because unlike their male counterparts, female dogs (bitches) find it easier to stay focused on their owners when they are being taught the rules.

When it comes to neutering a male, the surgery is a lot less complicated than spaying a female dog (bitch) and this is reflected in the price a Vet charges. Neutering a dog is considerably less expensive than spaying a female dog (bitch) which is why many people opt for a male dog rather than a female dog (bitch).

The thing to bear in mind is that every dog is different, just like people every one of our four legged friends has their own unique and very individual character and personality.

### III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY AND DISCUSSION

Total 50 dogs of 41 owners belonging to Mumbai city of Maharashtra State were surveyed in the form of questionnaires for preference of Gender(male/female) in dogs. The collected data were subjected to percentage analysis (Snedecor and Cochran, 1994) and Bar diagram.

Some people actually think that one sex is better than other sex.

1. The first reason is that, people find Male dogs slightly more larger and easier to train.
2. The second reason is their physiology. Male dogs are more masculine than Females which adds up to their protective appearance towards their owners.
3. The third reason is their temperament or the way they behave. According to most of the owners, Male dogs are more friendlier than Females and show more appeasement.
4. The fourth reason is the difference in their bodily functions that kick in at sexual maturity. Females come on heat for three to four weeks twice in a year, which is sometimes a big deal for the owners.
5. The fifth reason is Neutering the dog. It is more costlier to get Female dogs spayed as compared to neutering the Male dogs.

### IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULT

It is observed that more preference is given to Male dogs as compared to Female dogs. The reason for preference of Male dogs varies from person to person. Out of total 50 dogs, **33 are Male dogs** and **17 are Female dogs** (bitches). It is observed that overall 66% preference is for Male dogs and 34% is for Female dogs. This indicates that maximum percentage of dog owners prefer Male dogs of any breed. Whereas, very less preference is given to Female dogs. Refer Table No. 1 and Table No. 2.

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**Table.1:** Following table depicts the total number of dogs surveyed along with their Gender.

### TOTAL NUMBER OF DOGS SURVEYED WITH THEIR GENDER

Sr.No	Dog Breed	Pet's name	Gender
1	St.Bernard	Spatii	Male
2	Cocker Spaniel(Blue roan)	Guddu fredy	Male
3	Cocker Spaniel(Blue roan)	Feefee	Female
4	Miniature Lhasa	Pusky	Female
5	Indian Pariah	Desi girl	Female
6	German Shepherd	Daisy	Female
7	Rottweiler	Sejar	Male
8	Labrador Retriever	Shadow	Male
9	Golden Retriever	Max	Male
10	Labrador Retriever	Laddu	Male
11	Indian Pariah	Pluto	Male
12	Labrador Retriever	Olive	Female
13	Indian Pariah	Bubbly	Female
14	Labrador Retriever	Zoro	Male
15	Indian Pariah	Chotu	Male
16	Labrador Retriever	Loozy	Female
17	Pug	Rosey	Female
18	American Eskimo	Juicy	Female
19	Labrador Retriever	Rocky	Male
20	Dobermann	Buddy	Male
21	Golden Retriever	Jimmy	Female
22	Labrador Retriever	Magic	Male
23	Labrador Retriever	Bally	Male
24	Boxer	Boxer	Male
25	German Shepherd	Sheru	Male
26	Indian Pariah	Chintu	Male
27	Labrador Retriever	Sunny	Male
28	Shih tzu	Pinky	Female
29	Labrador Retriever	Gabbar	Male
30	Pomeranian	Lisa	Female
31	Golden Retriever	Daisy	Female
32	Rottweiler	Bizkit	Male
33	Labrador Retriever	Leo	Male
34	Labrador Retriever	Oscar	Male
35	Labrador Retriever	Astro	Male

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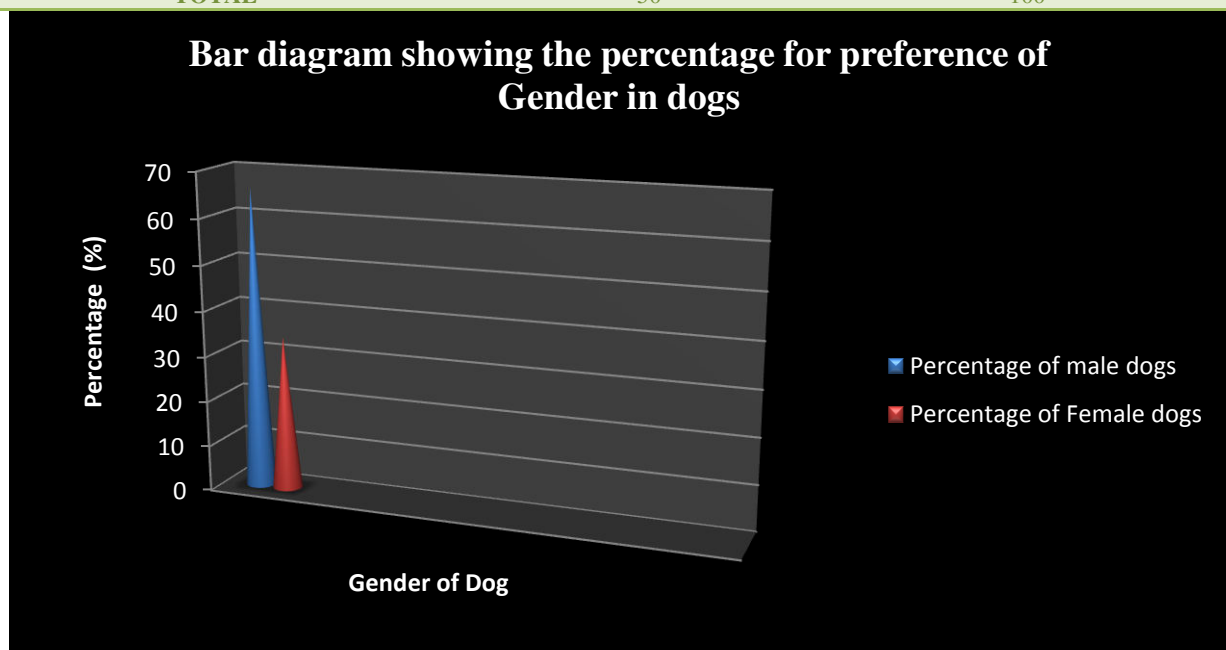
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36	Labrador Retriever	Kipper	Male
37	German Shepherd	Tysan	Male
38	Boxer	Wisky	Male
39	German Shepherd	Joro	Male
40	Siberian Husky	Roksy	Male
41	Labrador Retriever	Tiayara	Female
42	Labrador Retriever	Taniya	Female
43	German Shepherd	Lara	Female
44	Labrador Retriever	Samba	Male
45	Tibetan Mastiff	Jack	Male
46	Labrador Retriever	Bruno	Male
47	Cocker spaniel	Honey	Female
48	Labrador Retriever	Spike	Male
49	Labrador Retriever	Casper	Male
50	Siberian Husky	Ace	Male

**Table.2:** Following table depicts the Number and Percentage of Preference for Male and Female dogs of Mumbai city in Maharashtra.

### PERCENTAGE OF PREFERENCE FOR MALE AND FEMALE DOGS

Sr. No.	Dogs	Number of dogs	Percentage of dogs
1.	Male dogs	33	66
2.	Female dogs	17	34
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>



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## V. CONCLUSION

It is really important to check out breed characteristics before deciding what type of dog to get and once we've decided on that, we can think about whether a Male dog or a Female dog (Bitch) would be the best four legged friend to share our life and home with. For first time owners, this might not seem like such a big decision but as with humans, male and female dogs boast quite different characters and personalities. Whatever be the final decision, may it be a Male dog or a Female dog (Bitch) we can be sure that our pet will bring a lot of happiness and a great deal of pleasure if we stay consistent when we train them always showing them love and affection from day one.

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