

Medical Detection Dogs Sense of Smell

Fieldwork dates: 27th - 28th September 2016
Sample size: 2047 GB Adults

Total	Gender		Age					Social Grade	
	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

A dog's sense of smell can be a more reliable detector than a machine

Unweighted base	2047	977	1070	227	251	288	464	817	1268	779
Base: All GB adults	2047	983	1064	246	313	342	430	716	1126	921
Strongly agree	35%	34%	35%	18%	27%	30%	42%	42%	34%	35%
Tend to agree	42%	40%	44%	40%	48%	44%	41%	42%	42%	43%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%	13%	11%	24%	12%	14%	9%	9%	12%	13%
Tend to disagree	2%	3%	1%	7%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%
Strongly disagree	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Don't know	8%	9%	7%	11%	11%	10%	7%	6%	10%	6%

For the following question, by "diseases in humans", we mean diseases such as cancer, Parkinson's disease, malaria etc.

Specialist dogs could be trained to detect diseases in humans by sniffing samples (e.g. urine, sweat, breath etc.)...

How comfortable, if at all, would you be for doctors to use trained dogs to detect human diseases?

Unweighted base	2047	977	1070	227	251	288	464	817	1268	779
Base: All GB adults	2047	983	1064	246	313	342	430	716	1126	921
Very comfortable	43%	45%	42%	33%	38%	36%	52%	48%	44%	42%
Fairly comfortable	38%	37%	39%	44%	38%	45%	33%	36%	38%	38%
Not very comfortable	10%	9%	11%	15%	11%	9%	9%	10%	10%	11%
Not at all comfortable	3%	3%	2%	2%	7%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	5%	5%	5%	6%

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

** More resources should be given to advancing research into using dogs' sense of smell to help early diagnosis of human diseases**

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Base: All GB adults	2047	983	1064	246	313	342	430	716	1126	921
Strongly agree	31%	32%	31%	20%	22%	27%	40%	36%	30%	33%
Tend to agree	37%	38%	36%	38%	40%	38%	35%	37%	38%	37%
Neither agree nor disagree	20%	19%	20%	27%	21%	21%	18%	17%	20%	20%
Tend to disagree	4%	4%	4%	7%	8%	5%	1%	3%	5%	3%
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	6%	6%	7%	6%	8%	8%	5%	6%	6%	7%