## Personality traits affecting judgement bias task performance in dogs (Canis familiaris)

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**Table S1. Dog Mentality Assessment test**. Outline of subtests, variable scores and personality traits they refer to (adapted from Svartberg & Forkman 2002. *Appl Anim Behav Sci 79, 133-155*).

Subtest description	Behavioural variables (#)	Personality trait
<b>Social contact:</b> The dog and owner approached the TL, who greeted the owner and the dog. The TL took the leashed dog for a short walk, during which she stopped and petted the dog. Back with the owner, the TL made a brief handling of the dog.	<ul><li>(1) Greeting reaction</li><li>(2) Following behaviour</li><li>(3) Physical handling</li></ul>	Sociability Sociability Sociability
<b>Passive test:</b> The owner and the TL sat on chairs at the opposite side of a room. The owner unleashed the dog, which was free to explore the area for 3 min. The owner and TL remained passive for the whole time.	(4) Activity	-
<b>Play 1</b> : The dog was unleashed in a room, and a rag was thrown between the owner and the TL, and then away from the dog. If the dog ran after and caught the rag, the TL tried to call the dog back. This procedure was repeated once. After the repetition, the dog was invited to play tug-of-war with the TL.	<ul><li>(5) Interest in play</li><li>(6) Intensity of grabbing</li><li>(7) Interest in laying tug-of-war</li></ul>	Playfulness Playfulness Playfulness
<b>Chase:</b> A prey-like puppet was fixed to the loose end of a long flexi leash (~8m), which was operated by the RA from a hidden location. Owner and dog approached the starting-point, when the dog spotted the prey, the owner released the dog and the RA unlocked the flexi leash so that it winded dragging the prey. The dog was free to run after it. The object stopped when the leash was fully winded, the RA left the pray on the floor for the dog to grab. The test was repeated once.	<ul><li>(8) Interest in following 1</li><li>(9) Grabbing behaviour 1</li><li>(10) Interest in following 2</li><li>(11) Grabbing behaviour 2</li></ul>	Chase-proneness Chase-proneness Chase-proneness Chase-proneness
<b>Distance-play</b> : The RA dressed in a cape with a hood, moved and crouched 3 times about 10 m from the owner and the leashed dog. Then he unhooded and tossed a rag in the air, turned, ran a short distance to a hiding place and called the dog. The dog was then unleashed so that it was free to approach the RA. If this happened, the assistant played tug-of-war with the dog using the rag, then was passive for 10 s. The play and passivity phase was repeated once.	<ul> <li>(12) Interest in the person</li> <li>(13) Aggressive behaviour</li> <li>(14) Exploratory behaviour</li> <li>(15) Attempts to play tug-of-war</li> <li>(16) Play invitations</li> </ul>	- Aggressiveness - -

Sudden appearance: During a walk by the owner (17) Startle reaction Curiosity/fearlessness and leashed dog, a humanlike dummy was suddenly (18) Aggressive behaviour Aggressiveness dropped from the ceiling down in front of the dog at (19) Exploratory behaviour Curiosity/fearlessness a distance of 2 m. When the dummy dropped, the (20) Avoidance behaviour Curiosity/fearlessness owner was instructed to release the grip of the leash. (21) Approach behaviour The dog was free to escape from or explore the dummy. If the dog did not approach the dummy by itself, the owner supported the dog in four successive steps (Svartberg & Forkman, 2002) or until the dog had investigated the dummy. Thereafter, handler and dog walked close to the dummy four times. Metallic noise: During a walk by the owner and (22) Startle reaction Curiosity/fearlessness leashed dog, a chain with large links was dragged (23) Exploratory behaviour Curiosity/fearlessness over a sheet of corrugated metal 2 m from the dog. (24) Avoidance behaviour Curiosity/fearlessness Thereafter, a similar familiarisation procedure as in (25) Approach behaviour the subtest Sudden Appearance was carried out. Ghost: The RA wearing white sheet and with a white (26) Attention towards ghost Aggressiveness plastic hockey mask over his head moved slowly (27) Aggressive behaviour Aggressiveness towards the leashed dog and the owner. The distance (28) Avoidance behaviour Curiosity/fearlessness between the RA and the dog was 10 m at the (29) Exploratory behaviour beginning of the test. The ghost moved in short, (30) Greeting behaviour Sociability intermittent stages towards the dog until he was 2 m close. Then, the dog was released and could freely investigate the ghost, who removed the sheet and mask when the dog approached. **Play 2**: This subtest was a repetition of the subtest (31) Interest in play Playfulness Play 1, except that the tug-of-war was eliminated (32) Intensity of grabbing Playfulness TL=test leader; RA=research assistant

[-] indicates that variable did not load on any personality trait in the original factor analysis (Svartberg & Forkman 2002)

Table S2. CBARQ. Description of the items grouped in the 10 factor scores categories used in the analysis

1. Trainability (TR)
Dog
Returns immediately when called while off leash
Obeys a sit command immediately
Obeys a stay command immediately
Will fetch or attempt to fetch sticks, balls, and other objects
Seems to attend to or listen closely to everything the owner say or does
Is slow to respond to correction or punishment
Is slow to learn new tricks or tasks
Is easily distracted by interesting sights, sounds, or smells
2. Stranger-Directed Aggression (SDA)
Dog acts aggressively
When approached directly by an unfamiliar adult while being walked or exercised on a leash. When approached directly by an unfamiliar child while being walked or exercised on a leash
Toward unfamiliar persons approaching the dog while it is in the owner's car
When an unfamiliar person approaches the owner or a member of the owner's family at home
When an unfamiliar person approaches the owner or a member of the owner's family away from
home
When mailmen or other delivery workers approach the home
When strangers walk past the home while the dog is in the yard
When joggers, cyclists, roller skaters, or skateboarders pass the home while the dog is in the yard
Toward unfamiliar persons visiting the home
3 Stranger directed foar (SDE)
Dog acts anvious or fearful
When approached directly by an unfamiliar adult while away from the home
When approached directly by an unfamiliar child while away from the home
When unfamiliar person tries to touch or pet the dog
When unfamiliar persons visit the home
4. Owner-directed aggression
Dog acts aggressively
When verbally corrected or punished by a member of the household
When toys, bones, or other objects are taken away by a member of the household
When bathed or groomed by a member of the household
When approached directly by a member of the household while it is eating
When food is taken away by a member of the household
When stared at directly by a member of the household
When stepped over by a member of the household
When a member of the household retrieves food or objects stolen by the dog
5. Dog-directed aggression (DDA)
Dog acts aggressively
When approached directly by an unfamiliar male dog while being walked or exercised on a leash
When approached directly by an unfamiliar female dog while being walked or exercised on a leash
Toward unfamiliar dogs visiting the home
When barked, growled or lunged at by an unfamiliar dog
6. Dog-directed fear (DDF)
Dog acts anxious or fearful
When any needed directly by an unfamilian day of the same on langer size

When approached directly by an unfamiliar dog of the same or larger size When approached directly by an unfamiliar dog of a smaller size When unfamiliar dog visit the house When barked, growled or lunged at by an unfamiliar dog

## 7. Nonsocial fear (NSF)

Dog acts anxious or fearful

In response to sudden or loud noise

In heavy traffic

In response to strange or unfamiliar objects on or near the sidewalk

During thunderstorms

When first exposed to unfamiliar situations

In response to wind or wind-blown objects

## 8. Attachment-attention-seeking (AAS)

## Dog

Displays a strong attachment for a particular member of the household

Tends to follow a member of household from room to room about the house

Tends to sit close to or in contact with a member of the household when that individual is sitting down

Tends to nudge, nuzzle, or paw a member of the household for attention when that individual is sitting down

Becomes agitated when a member of the household shows affection for another person

Becomes agitated when a member of the household shows affection for another dog or animal

# 9. Separation related problems (SRP)

# Dog displays

Shaking, shivering, or trembling when left or about to be left on its own

Excessive salivation when left or about to be left on its own

Restlessness, agitation, or pacing when left or about to be left on its own

Whining when left or about to be left on its own

Barking when left or about to be left on its own

Howling when left or about to be left on its own

Chewing or scratching at doors, floor, windows, and curtains when left or about to be left on its own

Loss of appetite when left or about to be left on its own

# **10. Excitability (EX)**

Dog overreacts or is excitable

When a member of the household returns home after a brief absence

When playing with a member of the household

When the doorbell rings

Just before being taken for a walk

Just before being taken on a car trip

When visitors arrive at its home

*Behavioural categories* 2-7, 9 and 10 were scored on five-point qualitative scales: 0= no sign of the asked behaviour, 1 to 3= mild to moderate sign of the behaviour, 4= high/severe sign of the behaviour.

*Behavioural categories* 1, 8 and 10 were scored on a rating scale including five options, grading "never", "seldom", "sometimes", "usually" and "always".

### Analysis Output (R 3.4.3)

NOTE: these are not the full analyses but just the relevant outputs mentioned in the main paper. Please refer to the paper for detail description of the statistical analyses.

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Model 1.1
^{\#}We assessed if dogs were able to differentiate between the different bowl locations (var
 name=Index1). Mean latency between positive and negative location (var name= MEAN) was added as
 covariate to control for differences in running speed.#
> model1<-lme(log_latency~Index1+MEAN,,data=data,random=~1|Dog,method="ML")</pre>
 summary(model1)
Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood
 Data: data
                 BIC
       AIC
                         loqLik
  2648.008 2689.189 -1316.004
Random effects:
Formula: ~1 | Dog
(Intercept) Residual
StdDev: 0.1082378 0.6755014
Fixed effects: log latency ~ Index1 + MEAN
Value Std.Error DF t-value p-value
(Intercept) 0.4653468 0.10652981 1235 4.368231 0.0000
Index1N
              1.1092269 0.07651192 1235 14.497438 0.0000
          1.1092209 0.07031192 1203 1....
0.3504342 0.09929498 1235 3.529224 0.0004
-0.2841815 0.09929498 1235 -2.861993 0.0043
Index1NN
Index1NP
           -0.2830809 0.07651192 1235 -3.699828 0.0002
0.0857170 0.00765041 1235 11.204234 0.0000
Index1P
MEAN
Correlation:
(Intr) Indx1N Ind1NN Ind1NP Indx1P Index1N -0.605
Index1NN -0.466 0.649
Index1NP -0.466 0.649 0.500
Index1P -0.605 0.842 0.649 0.649
MEAN
         -0.729 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000
Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
        Min
                                   Med
                                                 03
                                                              Max
                       01
-2.99685958 -0.63147436 -0.07544622 0.64522073 3.62655423
Number of Observations: 1271
Number of Groups: 31
#We run an ANOVA on the linear part of the model [library(car)] to calculate p-values for the fixed effects
using Wald test#
> Anova(model1)
Analysis of Deviance Table (Type II tests)
Response: log_latency
          Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
Index1 1167.73 4 < 2.2e-16 ***
MEAN 126.13 1 < 2.2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 `***' 0.001 `**' 0.01 `*' 0.05 `.' 0.1 ` ' 1
#We run a Post-hoc test for multiple comparisons to assess if dogs were differentiating between the bowl
positions#
> model1PH<-glht(model1,linfct=mcp(Index1="Tukey"))</pre>
> summary(model1PH)
  Simultaneous Tests for General Linear Hypotheses
Multiple Comparisons of Means: Tukey Contrasts
Fit: lme.formula(fixed = log_latency ~ Index1 + MEAN, data = data,
    random = ~1 | Dog, method = "ML")
Linear Hypotheses:
             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
               0.350434 0.099060 3.538 0.00339 **
N - M == 0
NN - M == 0 \quad 0.350434 \\ NP - M == 0 \quad -0.284182
                          0.099060 -2.869
                                               0.03056 *
                          0.076331 -3.709 0.00174 **
0.076331 -9.941 < 0.001 ***
             -0.283081
P - M == 0
NN - N == 0 -0.758793
NP - N == 0 -1.393408
                           0.076331 -18.255 < 0.001 ***
P - N == 0 -1.392308
                          0.042894 -32.459 < 0.001 ***
NP - NN == 0 -0.634616
                          0.099060 -6.406 < 0.001 ***
P - NN == 0 -0.633515
P - NP == 0 0.001101
                          0.076331 -8.300 < 0.001 ***
0.076331 0.014 1.00000
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Signif. codes: 0 `\*\*\*' 0.001 `\*\*' 0.01 `\*' 0.05 `.' 0.1 ` ' 1 (Adjusted p values reported -- single-step method)

#### Model 1.2

#We checked If dogs' characteristics (i.e. sex, age, neutering status and size) had an effect on the latency to reach the bowls# > model2<- lme(log\_latency~Index1+DogSize+NeutSpay+Sex+Age,,data=data,random=~1|Dog/MEAN,method="ML",na.action=na.exclude) > summary(model2) Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood

Linear Mine Data: data ATC BIC logLik 2701.845 2768.764 -1337.923 Random effects: Formula: ~1 | Dog (Intercept) StdDev: 0.1196209 Formula: ~1 | MEAN %in% Dog (Intercept) Residual StdDev: 0.2702476 0.6738842 Fixed effects: log\_latency ~ Index1 + DogSize + NeutSpay + Sex + Age Value Std.Error DF t-value p-value (Intercept) 1.3885805 0.17316160 1206 8.018986 0.0000 Index1N 1.0829985 0.07912890 1206 13.686510 0.0000 0.3242058 0.10129310 1206 3.200671 0.0014 Index1NN Index1NP -0.3104099 0.10129310 1206 -3.064472 0.0022 -0.3093093 0.07912890 1206 -3.908929 0.0001 -0.2246766 0.17156490 25 -1.309572 0.2022 Index1P DogSize2 
 DogSize2
 -0.224766
 0.11154930
 25
 -1.509372
 0.2027
 0.1112

 DogSize3
 -0.2038878
 0.12349146
 25
 -1.651027
 0.1112

 NeutSpay2
 0.0457153
 0.15700282
 25
 0.291175
 0.7733

 Sex2
 -0.0475524
 0.11142798
 25
 -0.426754
 0.6732

 Age
 0.0202203
 0.02216905
 25
 0.912097
 0.3704
 Standardized Within-Group Residuals: Min Q1 Med Q3 Max -2.94391713 -0.58340113 -0.09445352 0.56133564 3.67398411 Number of Observations: 1271 Number of Groups:

Dog MEAN %in% Dog 31 61

#We run an ANOVA on the linear part of the model [library(car)] to calculate p-values for the fixed effects
using Wald test#
> Anova(model2)

Analysis of Deviance Table (Type II tests)

Response: log\_latency

	Chisq	Df	Pr(>Chisq)								
Index1	1168.4800	4	<2e-16	***							
DogSize	3.1770	2	0.2042								
NeutSpay	0.0855	1	0.7700								
Sex	0.1836	1	0.6683								
Age	0.8385	1	0.3598								
Signif.	codes: 0	۱***	' 0.001 `**	*′ 0.01	۱*/	0.05	`.′	0.1	١	′	1

#We investigated if the model would improve by using a backward stepwise approach (i.e. dropping variables one at the time and comparing the AIC values for best fit). The model fit did not improve significantly so we used the above model as the final one#

#To further explore the reliability of our results we compared them with the confidence intervals of the model estimates [significant effect is considered if the CI does not include zero]# > intervals(model2,which="fixed") Approximate 95% confidence intervals

Fixed effects:

	Lower	est.	upper
(Intercept)	1.05018810	1.38858045	1.72697281
Index1N	0.92836484	1.08299852	1.23763220
Index1NN	0.12625891	0.32420585	0.52215278
Index1NP	-0.50835683	-0.31040990	-0.11246296
Index1P	-0.46394294	-0.30930927	-0.15467559
DogSize2	-0.57662833	-0.22467657	0.12727520
DogSize3	-0.45722067	-0.20388775	0.04944517
NeutSpay2	-0.27636350	0.04571531	0.36779412
Sex2	-0.27613799	-0.04755236	0.18103328
Age	-0.02525772	0.02022033	0.06569837

#We investigated the effect of personality traits scored using the <u>Dog Mentality</u> <u>Assessment (DMA)</u> test on the latency to reach the bowl in each one of the probe locations (i.e. NP, M, NN). In the analysis below the dataset was stratified by bowl position#

#### Model 2.1

#Data stratification - bowl position NP# > model2<-lme(log\_latency~play+curiosity+chase+social+aggressive,,data=data,random=~1|Dog/MEAN,method="ML" > summary(model2) Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood Data: data BIC logLik AIC 120.1511 142.6494 -51.07557 Random effects: .~1 | Dog (Intercept) StdDev: 0.17^ 0.1794029 Formula: ~1 | MEAN %in% Dog (Intercept) Residual StdDev: 0.1794027 0.3682445 Fixed effects: log\_latency ~ play + curiosity + chase + social + aggressive Value Std.Error DF t-value p-value (Intercept) 1.0423668 0.06334383 60 16.455695 0.0000 play -0.0197033 0.07585902 24 -0.259736 0.7973 curiosity -0.1170685 0.10231910 24 -1.144151 0.2638 chase -0.1136511 0.07764658 24 -1.463697 0.1563 cnase -U.1136511 U.07/64658 24 -1.463697 0.1563 social -0.0447136 0.09738754 24 -0.459131 0.6503 aggressive -0.1336323 0.10296375 24 -1.297857 0.2067 Standardized Within-Group Residuals: Min 01 Med 03 Max -1.7211487 -0.4594539 -0.1328030 0.2483418 4.7680088 Number of Observations: 90 Number of Groups: Dog MEAN %in% Dog 30 #We run an ANOVA on the linear part of the model [library(car)] to calculate p-values for the fixed effects using Wald test# > Anova (model2) Analysis of Deviance Table (Type II tests) Response: log latency Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq) play 0.0723 1 0.7880 curiosity 1.4026 0 2363 1 2.2954 1 0.2259 1 chase 0.1298 social 0.6346 aggressive 1.8048 1 0.1791 #We investigated if the model would improve by using a backward stepwise approach (i.e. dropping variables one at the time and comparing the AIC values for best fit). The model fit did not improve significantly so we used the above model as the final one# #To further explore the reliability of our results we compared them with the confidence intervals of the model estimates [significant effect is considered if the CI does not include zero]# > intervals(model2,which="fixed") Approximate 95% confidence intervals Fixed effects: lower est. upper (Intercept) 0.9199567 1.04236681 1.16477695 

 (Intercept)
 0.9199507
 1.04236681
 1.1647/695

 play
 -0.1709598
 -0.01970332
 0.13155315

 curiosity
 -0.3210842
 -0.11706854
 0.08694710

 chase
 -0.2684718
 -0.11365110
 0.04116962

 social
 -0.2388961
 -0.04471360
 0.14946892

 aggressive
 -0.3389333
 -0.13363226
 0.07166874

## Model 2.2

#Data stratification - bowl position M#
model2<-lme(log\_latency~play+curiosity+chase+social+aggressive,,data=data,random=~1|Dog/MEAN,method="ML")
> summary(model2)
Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood
Data: data
 AIC BIC logLik
120.1511 142.6494 -51.07557
Random effects:

Formula: ~1 | Dog (Intercept)

Formula: ~1 | MEAN %in% Dog (Intercept) Residual StdDev: 6.747548e-05 0.3682445 Fixed effects: log\_latency ~ play + curiosity + chase + social + aggressive Value Std.Error DF t-value p-value (Intercept) 1.0423668 0.06334383 31 16.455695 0.0000 play curiosity -0.0197033 0.07585902 24 -0.259736 0.7973 -0.1170685 0.10231910 24 -1.144151 0.2638 -0.1136511 0.07764558 24 -1.463697 0.1563 -0.0447136 0.09738754 24 -0.459131 0.6503 chase social aggressive -0.1336323 0.10296374 24 -1.297857 0.2067 Standardized Within-Group Residuals: 03 Min 01 Med Max -1.7211486 -0.4594539 -0.1328030 0.2483418 4.7680088 Number of Observations: 90 Number of Groups: Dog MEAN %in% Dog 30 #We run an ANOVA on the linear part of the model [library(car)] to calculate p-values for the fixed effects using Wald test# > Anova(model2) Analysis of Deviance Table (Type II tests) Response: log latency Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq) 0.0723 1 0.7880 1.4026 1 0.2363 play curiosity1.402610.2363chase2.295410.1298social0.225910.6346 aggressive 1.8048 1 0.1791 #We investigated if the model would improve by using a backward stepwise approach (i.e. dropping variables one at the time and comparing the AIC values for best fit). The model fit did not improve significantly so we used the above model as the final one# #To further explore the reliability of our results we compared them with the confidence intervals of the model estimates [significant effect is considered if the CI does not include zero]#
> intervals(model2,which="fixed") Approximate 95% confidence intervals Fixed effects: 
 lower
 est.
 upper

 (Intercept)
 0.9175568
 1.04236681
 1.16717678

 play
 -0.1709598
 -0.01970332
 0.13155315

 curiosity
 -0.3210842
 -0.11706854
 0.08694710

 observe
 0.201210
 0.11706544
 0.08694710
 -0.2684718 -0.11365110 0.04116962 chase -0.2388961 -0.04471360 0.14946891 social aggressive -0.3389333 -0.13363226 0.07166874 attr(,"label") [1] "Fixed effects:" Model 2.3 #Data stratification - bowl position NN# > model2<-lme(log\_latency~play+curiosity+chase+social+aggressive,,data=data,random=~1|Dog/MEAN,method="ML") > summary(model2) Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood Data: data ATC BIC logLik 245.4341 267.9324 -113.7171 Random effects: Formula: ~1 | Dog (Intercept) StdDev: 0.2299388 Formula: ~1 | MEAN %in% Dog (Intercept) Residual 0.2299391 0.8005683 StdDev Fixed effects: log latency ~ play + curiosity + chase + social + aggressive Value Std.Error DF t-value p-value (Intercept) 1.7006355 0.1081455 60 15.725436 0.0000 
 Curiosity
 -0.0237832
 0.1205124
 24
 -0.183636
 0.8558

 curiosity
 -0.0155499
 0.1746871
 24
 -0.089016
 0.9298

 chase
 -0.1482492
 0.1325643
 24
 -1.118319
 0.2745

 social
 -0.3474600
 0.1662676
 24
 -2.089764
 0.0474

 aggressive
 -0.0986757
 0.1757877
 24
 -0.561335
 0.5798

StdDev: 0.2537138

Standardized Within-Group Residuals:

Min Q1 Med Q3 Max -1.8292029 -0.5575156 -0.3371643 0.5155310 2.1386546 Response: log\_latency Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq) play 0.0361 1 0.84925 curiosity 0.0085 1 0.92659 chase 1.3400 1 0.24704 social 4.6790 1 0.03053 \* aggressive 0.3376 1 0.56122

#We investigated if the model would improve by using a backward stepwise approach (i.e. dropping variables one at the time and comparing the AIC values for best fit). The model fit did not improve significantly so we used the above model as the final one#

#To further explore the reliability of our results we compared them with the confidence intervals of the model estimates [significant effect is considered if the CI does not include zero]# > intervals(model2,which="fixed") Approximate 95% confidence intervals

Fixed effects:

	lower	est.	upper
(Intercept)	1.4916474	1.70063553	1.90962366
play	-0.2820200	-0.02378319	0.23445365
curiosity	-0.3638613	-0.01554989	0.33276150
chase	-0.4125711	-0.14824915	0.11607284
social	-0.6789835	-0.34745997	-0.01593645
aggressive	-0.4491816	-0.09867574	0.25183012
attr(,"labe	l")		
[1] "Fixed (	effects:"		

#We investigated the effect of personality traits scored using the <u>Canine Behavioural</u> <u>Assessment and Research Questionnaire (C-BARQ)</u> test on the latency to reach the bowl in each one of the probe locations (i.e. NP, M, NN). In the analysis below the dataset was stratified by bowl position#

#### Model 3.1

#Data stratification - bowl position NP# model1L<-lme(log\_latency~SDA+ODA+DDA+DDF+SDF+NSF+SRP+AAS+EXC,,data=data,random=~1|Dog/MEAN,method="ML")</pre> > summarv(model1L) Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood Data: data AIC BIC logLik 113.6306 145.6874 -43.81532 Random effects: Formula: ~1 | Dog (Intercept) StdDev: 0.1104806 Formula: ~1 | MEAN %in% Dog (Intercept) Residual StdDev: 0.1104807 0.3731596 Fixed effects: log\_latency ~ SDA + ODA + DDA + DDF + SDF + NSF + SRP + AAS + EXC Value Std.Error DF t-value p-value (Intercept) 1.3380843 0.19612587 58 6.822579 0.0000 -0.0627533 0.13215993 19 -0.474828 0.6403 SDA 0.0118357 0.29463419 19 0.040171 0.9684 ODA DDA 0.2355532 0.08191894 19 2.875442 0.0097 DDF 0.2997915 0.08979550 19 3.338603 0.0035 0.0388491 0.10823577 19 0.358931 0.7236 SDF -0.3283796 0.14698977 19 -2.234030 0.0377 NSF 0.3564868 0.12015848 19 2.966805 0.0079 SRP AAS 0.0085552 0.07791091 19 0.109807 0.9137 EXC -0.2868472 0.08906734 19 -3.220565 0.0045 Standardized Within-Group Residuals: Q3 01 Min Med Max -1.6375697 -0.3911698 -0.1152167 0.2610419 4.7661148 Number of Observations: 87 Number of Groups: Dog MEAN %in% Dog 29

#We run an ANOVA on the linear part of the model [library(car)] to calculate p-values for the fixed effects
using Wald test#
> Anova(model1L)

Analysis of Deviance Table (Type II tests)

Response: log\_latency Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq) SDA 0.2547 1 0.6137554 ODA 0.0018 1 0.9659408 DDA 9.3420 1 0.002397 \*\* DDF 12.5938 1 0.0003870 \*\*\* SDF 0.1456 1 0.7028126 NSF 5.6391 1 0.0175646 \* SRP 9.9450 1 0.0016128 \*\* AAS 0.0136 1 0.9070823 EXC 11.7191 1 0.0006186 \*\*\*

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Approximate 95% confidence intervals Fixed effects:

	lower	est.	upper
(Intercept)	0.96874683	1.338084339	1.70742185
SDA	-0.32298468	-0.062753253	0.19747818
ODA	-0.56831799	0.011835744	0.59198948
DDA	0.07424948	0.235553163	0.39685685
DDF	0.12297837	0.299791508	0.47660465
SDF	-0.17427409	0.038849122	0.25197233
NSF	-0.61781195	-0.328379603	-0.03894726
SRP	0.11988697	0.356486781	0.59308659
AAS	-0.14485645	0.008555152	0.16196676
EXC	-0.46222650	-0.286847161	-0.11146782
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#### Model 3.2

#### #Data stratification - bowl position M#

model1A<-lme(log\_latency~SDA+ODA+DDA+DDF+SDF+NSF+SRP+AAS+EXC,,data=data,random=~1|Dog/MEAN,method="ML")</pre> > summary(model1A) Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood Data: data AIC BIC logLik 214.0085 246.0653 -94.00425 Random effects: Formula: ~1 | Dog (Intercept) StdDev: 5.040828e-05 Formula: ~1 | MEAN %in% Dog (Intercept) Residual StdDev: 0.1457115 0.6980643 Fixed effects: log\_latency ~ SDA + ODA + DDA + DDF + SDF + NSF + SRP + AAS + EXC 
 Value Std.Error DF
 t-value p-value

 (Intercept)
 1.4082542
 0.3076045
 30
 4.578133
 0.0001

 SDA
 0.1512487
 0.2072819
 19
 0.729676
 0.4745
 SDA ODA -0.5052565 0.4620246 19 -1.093570 0.2878 -0.0791187 0.1285905 19 -0.615276 0.0785410 0.1411949 19 0.556260 DDA 0.5457 DDF 0.5845 -0.1118458 0.1699036 19 -0.658290 0.2479561 0.2308887 19 1.073920 SDF 0.5182 NSF 0.2963 0.2374706 0.1884210 19 1.260319 0.2228 0.1142012 0.1224450 19 0.932673 0.3627 SRP AAS EXC -0.2778214 0.1399804 19 -1.984716 0.0618 Standardized Within-Group Residuals: 03 01 Min Med Max -1.0759679 -0.6574356 -0.3065898 0.1436126 3.4431503 Number of Observations: 87 Number of Groups: Dog MEAN %in% Dog 29

#We run an ANOVA on the linear part of the model [library(car)] to calculate p-values for the fixed effects using Wald test# Anova(model1A)

Analysis of Deviance Table (Type II tests)

Response: log latency				
	Chisq	Df	Pr(>Chisq)	
SDA	0.6016	1	0.43798	
ODA	1.3512	1	0.24507	
DDA	0.4277	1	0.51311	
DDF	0.3496	1	0.55433	
SDF	0.4896	1	0.48409	
NSF	1.3031	1	0.25365	
SRP	1.7947	1	0.18036	
AAS	0.9829	1	0.32150	
EXC	4.4507	1	0.03489	

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Fixed effects:

	lower	est.	upper
(Intercept)	0.8172479	1.40825419	1.999260443
SDA	-0.2569028	0.15124874	0.559400251
ODA	-1.4150128	-0.50525648	0.404499820
DDA	-0.3323216	-0.07911866	0.174084251
DDF	-0.1994809	0.07854104	0.356562960
SDF	-0.4463970	-0.11184584	0.222705308
NSF	-0.2066786	0.24795605	0.702590753
SRP	-0.1335424	0.23747059	0.608483611
AAS	-0.1269009	0.11420117	0.355303270
EXC	-0.5534520	-0.27782142	-0.002190883
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#### Model 3.3

### #Data stratification - bowl position NN#

modellL<-lme(log\_latency~SDA+ODA+DDA+DDF+SDF+NSF+SRP+AAS+EXC,,data=data,random=~1|Dog/MEAN,method="ML")</pre> > summary(model1L) Linear mixed-effects model fit by maximum likelihood Data: data AIC BIC logLik 237.2113 269.2681 -105.6056 Random effects: \_. ~1 | Dog (Intercept) StdDev: 0.13°^^ 0.1389265 Formula: ~1 | MEAN %in% Dog (Intercept) Residual StdDev: 0.1389262 0.7918972 EXC Fixed effects: log\_latency ~ SDA + ODA + DDA + DDF + SDF + NSF + SRP + AAS + 
 Value Std.Error DF
 t-value p-value

 (Intercept)
 1.5747362
 0.3667231
 58
 4.294074
 0.0001

 SDA
 -0.1301788
 0.2471173
 19
 -0.526790
 0.6044
 SDA ODA -1.0186852 0.5509174 19 -1.849070 0.0801 -1.0186852 0.5509174 19 -1.849070 0.0801 0.2279689 0.1531749 19 1.488291 0.1531 0.3345212 0.1679028 19 1.992350 0.0609 -0.2176682 0.2023831 19 -1.075526 0.2956 0.0359586 0.2748467 19 0.130832 0.8973 0.2603316 0.2246766 19 1.158695 0.2609 0.2148456 0.1456806 19 1.474772 0.1567 DDA DDF SDF NSF SRP AAS -0.3004250 0.1665413 19 -1.803907 0.0871 EXC Standardized Within-Group Residuals: Min Q1 Med Q3 Max -1.7259493 -0.6030631 -0.2939873 0.2936751 2.2820373 Number of Observations: 87 Number of Groups: Dog MEAN %in% Dog 29 #We run an ANOVA on the linear part of the model [library(car)] to calculate p-values for the fixed effects using Wald test# > Anova(model1L) Analysis of Deviance Table (Type II tests) Response: log\_latency Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq) SDA 0.3135 1 0.57551 ODA 3.8631 1 DDA 2.5027 1 0.04936 \* 0.11365

DDF	4.4850	1	0.03419	*	
SDF	1.3070	1	0.25294		
NSF	0.0193	1	0.88940		
SRP	1.5169	1	0.21808		
AAS	2.4574	1	0.11697		
EXC	3.6767	1	0.05518		

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Fixed effects:

	lower	est.	upper
(Intercept)	0.884135831	1.5747362	2.26533652
SDA	-0.616768764	-0.1301788	0.35641113
ODA	-2.103477156	-1.0186852	0.06610683
DDA	-0.073642444	0.2279689	0.52958023
DDF	0.003909726	0.3345212	0.66513267
SDF	-0.616173567	-0.2176682	0.18083709
NSF	-0.505232248	0.0359586	0.57714946
SRP	-0.182071073	0.2603316	0.70273434
AAS	-0.072008854	0.2148456	0.50170005
EXC	-0.628355476	-0.3004250	0.02750554
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