

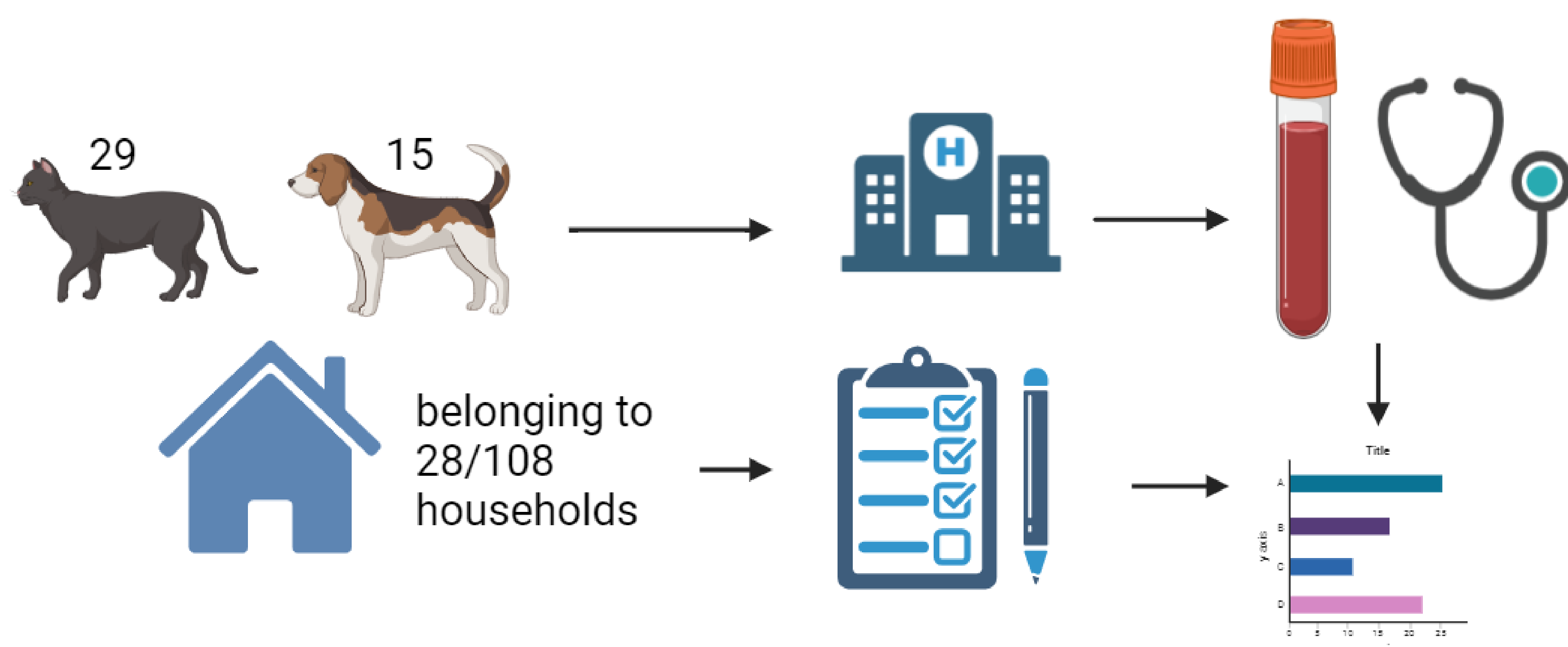
# Pets in this cohort have **close physical contact** with their owners, so there is a potential for **zoonotic transmission** of pathogens.

## BEready pilot study – zoonotic risk, closeness of human-animal contact and preventive health measures in household pets

### Background

BEready (“Bern, get ready”) is a longitudinal household cohort study to foster pandemic preparedness. Because **many emerging diseases are zoonotic** the **BEready cohort also includes the dogs and cats** of the participating households.

### Methods



### Conclusion

Dogs and cats in the pilot study are generally well cared for and have close physical contact with their owners. Therefore, there is a potential for zoonotic transmission of pathogens. There are also some behaviours which might elevate the risk for infectious diseases, such as feeding of raw meat, contact with livestock and not deworming the animals.



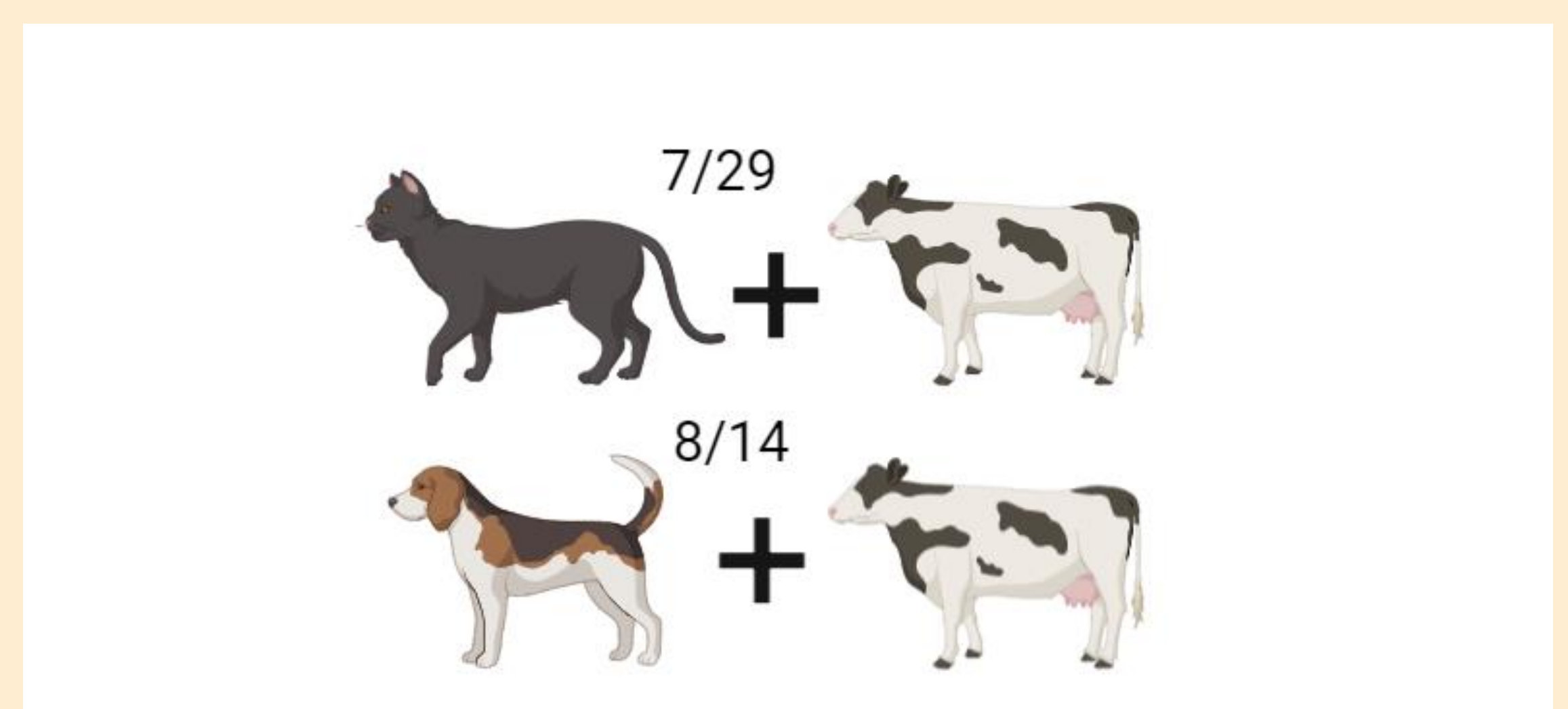
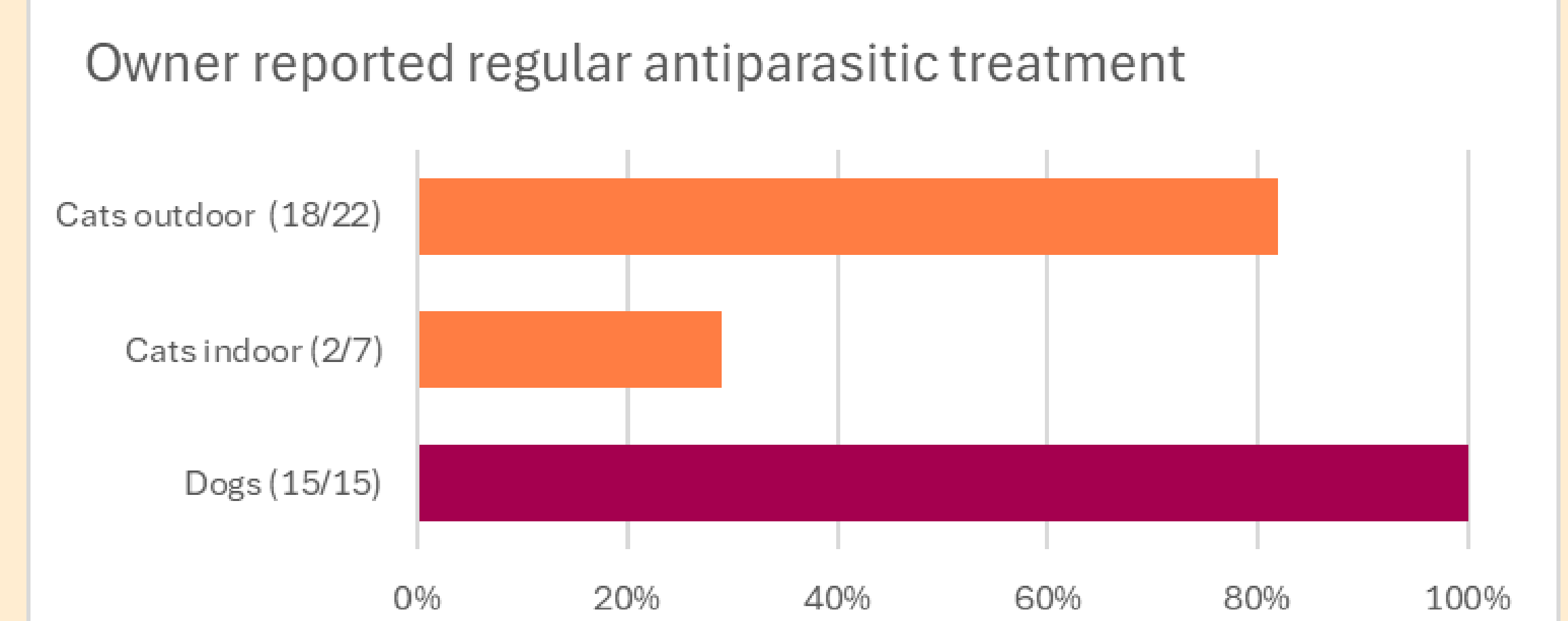
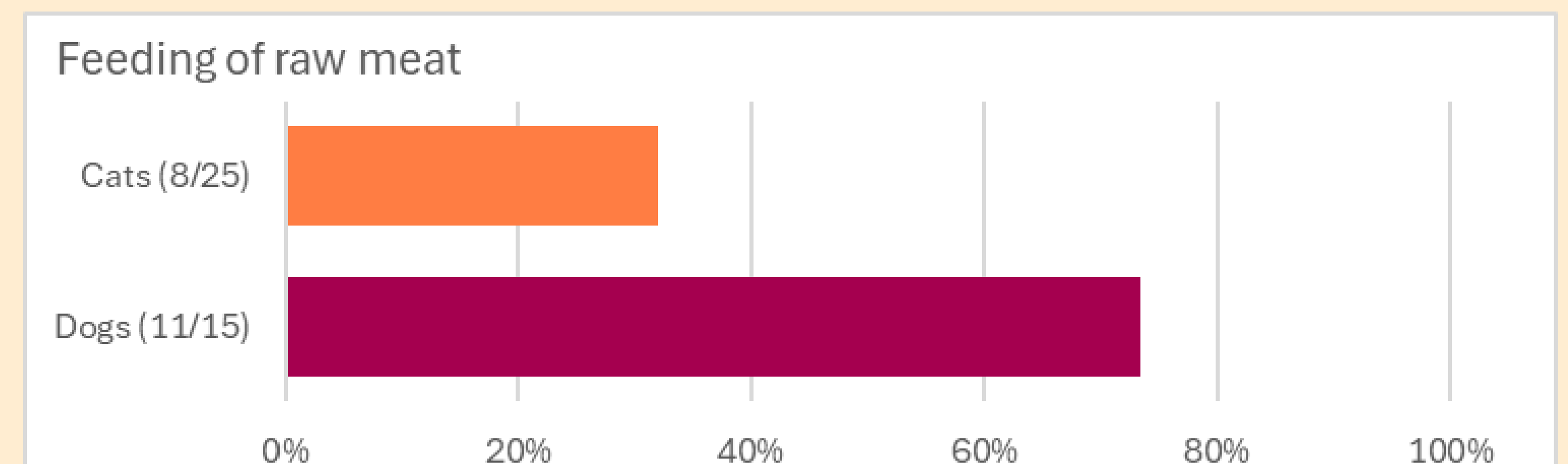
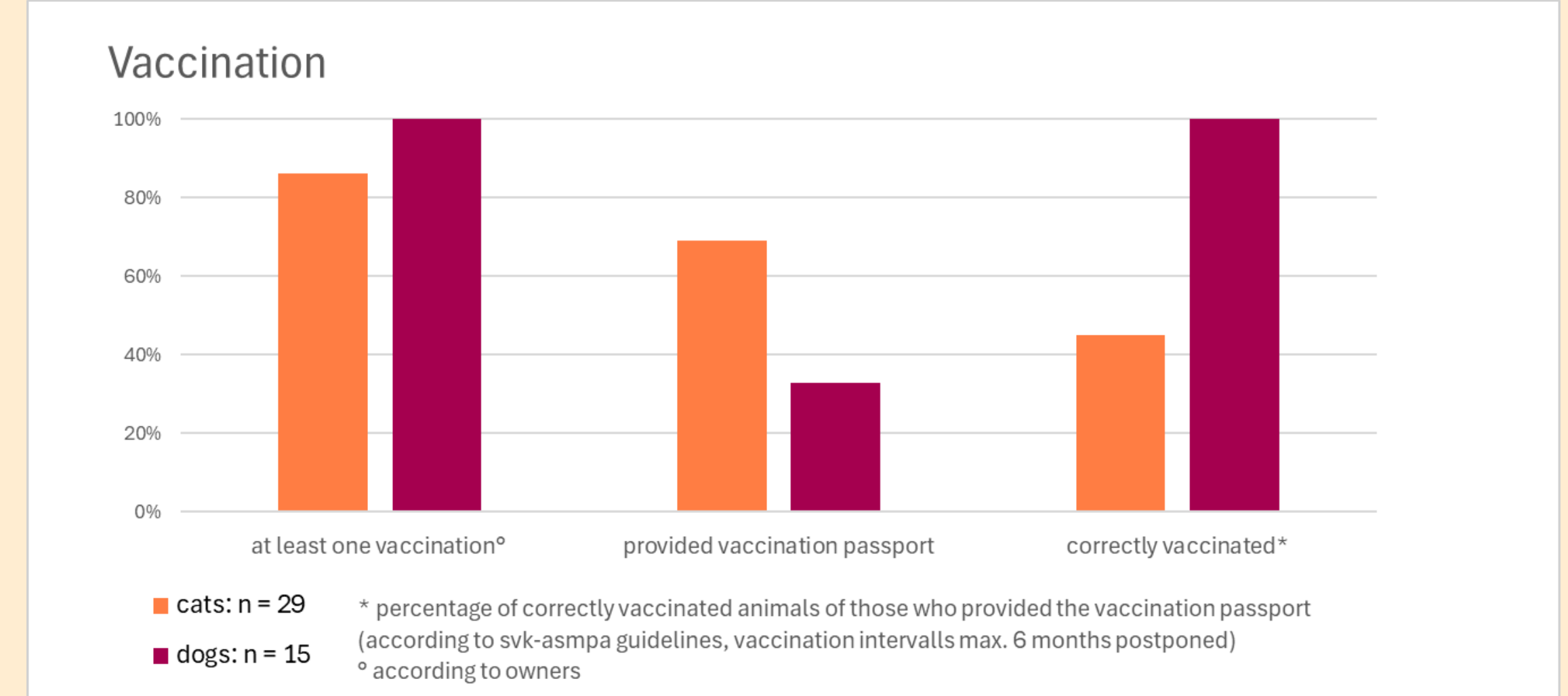
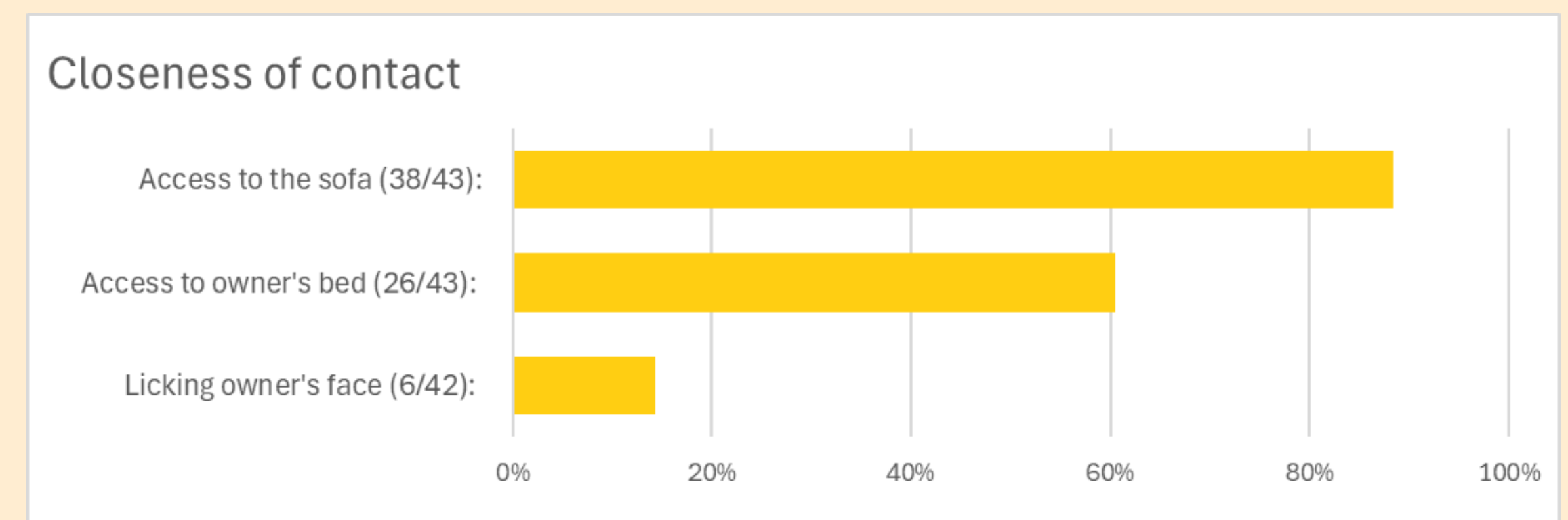
A



B

Two possible hazards: A: a dog eating raw meat, B: a dog licking a person's face

### Results



7/29 (26.9%) of cats and 8/14 (57.1%) of dogs have contact with livestock

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