

Furry Fusses

***“Dog-speak” has a great impact on the lives of our dog”* says Louie Threadgould from Crawshaw Academy.**

Recent studies show scientists from the University of York that using *“baby-talk”* or *“dog-speak,”* was better for your pooch than just a normal every day voice.

During a series of tests, scientists conducted an experiment which involved a dog listening to an over-exaggerated voice and then a more normal voice for everyday use. The scientists focused on how the dogs reacted to each voice. From the results, PhD student Alex Benjamin said dogs were more likely to favour the speaker who used who used a high pitch.

Dogs were tested for their recognition of dog related topics like *“who wants to go for a walk?”* or *“who’s a good boy?”* and then non-dog related topics like *“I need to go shopping tomorrow”*. Scientists discovered that dogs responded to more dog related topic (especially when talked to in a baby voice) than non-dog related topics.

7/10 people that were asked in Crawshaw school had dogs and 6/7 of those people said that they *“baby-talk”* their dogs to get them to listen and 4/6 of those people say it works. So, over all people think that *“baby- talking”* dogs help them both.

Despite of this there is no plan to do this with cats!