

PRESENT AND FUTURE OF ANIMAL BODY DONATION PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATION: OUR THOUGHTS AND HOW CAN IMPROVE THEM.

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Introduction

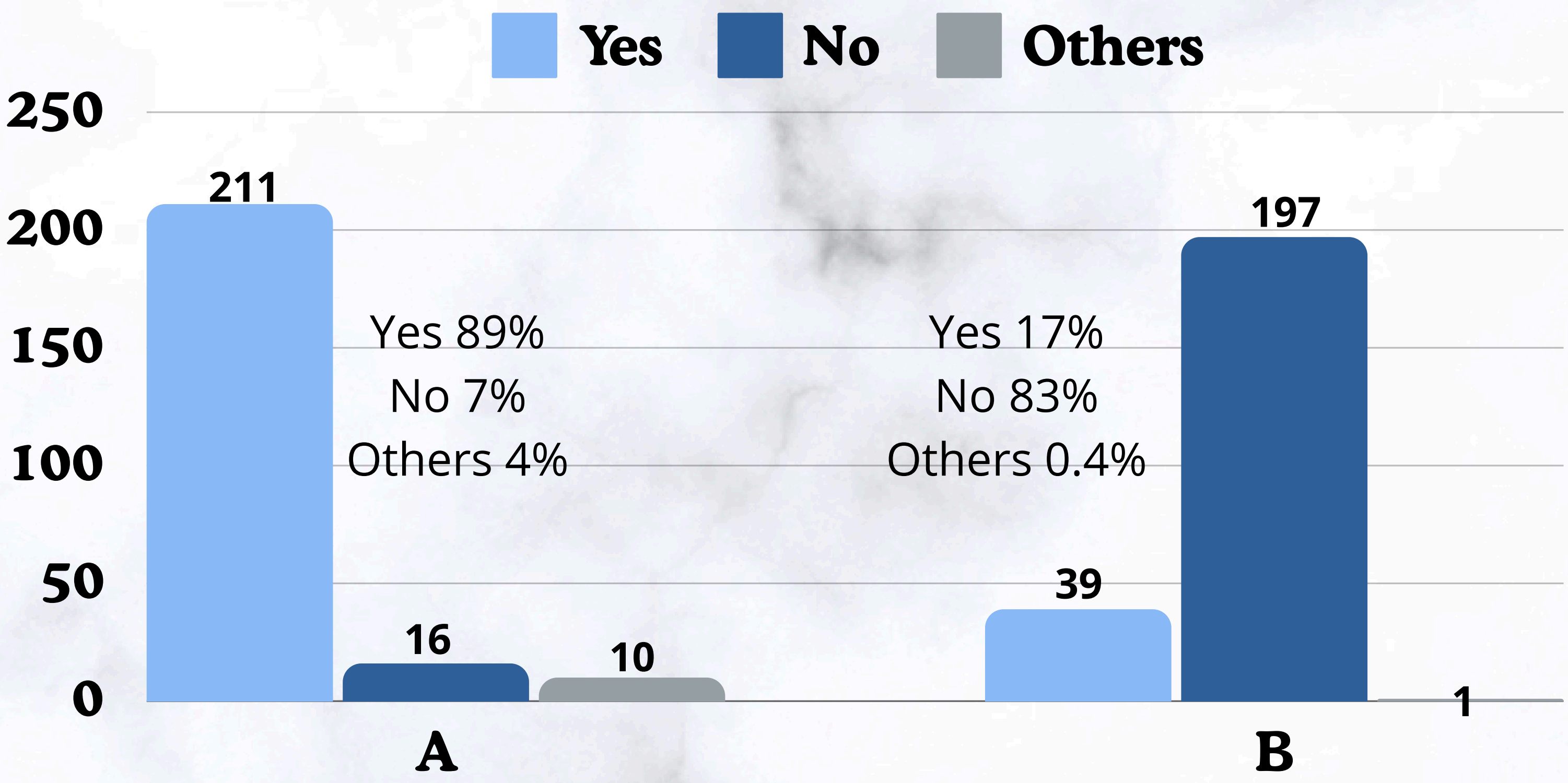
The anatomical dissection of animal bodies is an indispensable tool for veterinary medicine students. Acquiring these cadavers is challenging. Pet owners consider their animals as family members, and even after death, they find it difficult to part with them.

Objectives

- 1- Discover what the tutors think about the Animal Body Donation Programs.
- 2- See a general framework of the programs of different universities.
- 3- Evaluate the UAB Veterinary Faculty program.
- 4- Propose possible points to take into account to improve the existing program.

Materials and methods

- 1- Questionnaire for tutors.
- 2- Questionnaire for universities.
- 3- Analysis of PDCA data for evaluate the UAB Veterinary Faculty program.
- 4- Search parameters: animal cadaver, donation... among others.



Tutors' responses to the following questions:
A) Are you in favor of donating animal bodies?
B) Do you know of any animal body donation campaign (PDCA)?

	1	2	3	4	5
WOMEN	14 8%	12 7%	36 21%	40 23%	69 40%
MAN	3 5%	7 12%	19 20%	12 5%	18 30%
OTHERS	0 0%	0 0%	2 33%	3 50%	1 17%

Score from 1 to 5. After learning about the PDCA, would you be willing to collaborate? Score: 1 Completely disagree and 5 completely agree.



The feedback recibed from other universities was scar. The responses obtained through the survey show that their animal body donation ptograms are very limited.



Total Number of Animals Delivered per Year by PDCA OF Faculty of veterinary UAB



Assignment of cadavers to the Anatomy Unit over the course of the ten-year program, according to PDCA data.

Conclusions

- 1- The vast majority of guardians are in favour of donating animal carcasses although many are unaware of the existence of the PDCA.
- 2- Both the PDCA of our faculty and that of others work albeit in a rather limited way.
- 3- The programme can be improved by enhancing communication and outreach.
- 4- Make a recognition of the pet, can be a good way to empathize with the tutor.



Future veterinarians can have a very important role in the collaboration.