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## 1. OBJECTIVE

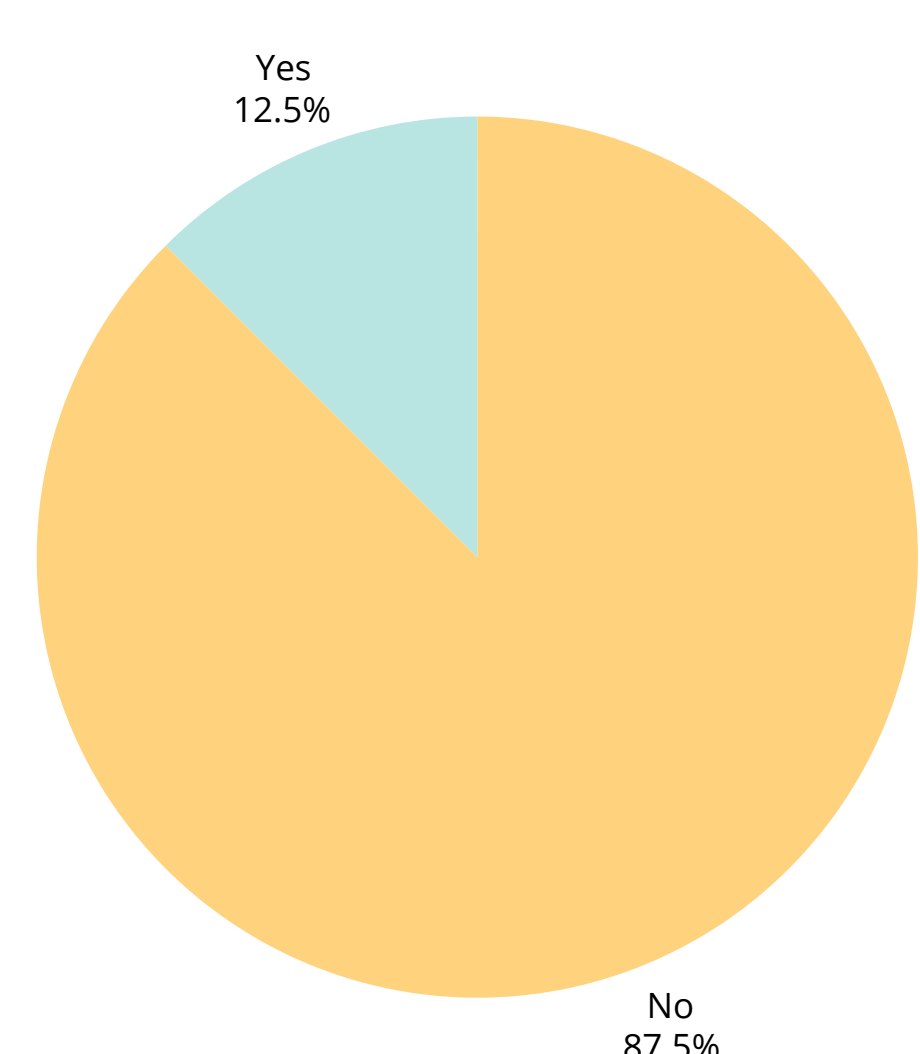
This project was born from the need for a practical, up-to-date, and accessible resource to support dog breeders in the proper management of their breeding females. Despite the importance of this stage, there is very little information written by veterinarians specifically aimed at breeders. This guide aims to fill that gap, accompanying breeders through pregnancy and whelping, while promoting the wellbeing of the breeding females at all times.

### HOSPITAL CLÍNIC VETERINARI

This project is in collaboration with the Hospital Clínic Veterinari (HCV), part of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Founded in 1990, HCV supports veterinary training and promotes the health and wellbeing of companion animals.

## 2. THE SURVEY

A survey was conducted to identify the main challenges faced by breeders. It was shared via email with 30 breeders, who were contacted through the website of the Real Sociedad Canina de España. After one month, 8 answers were received.

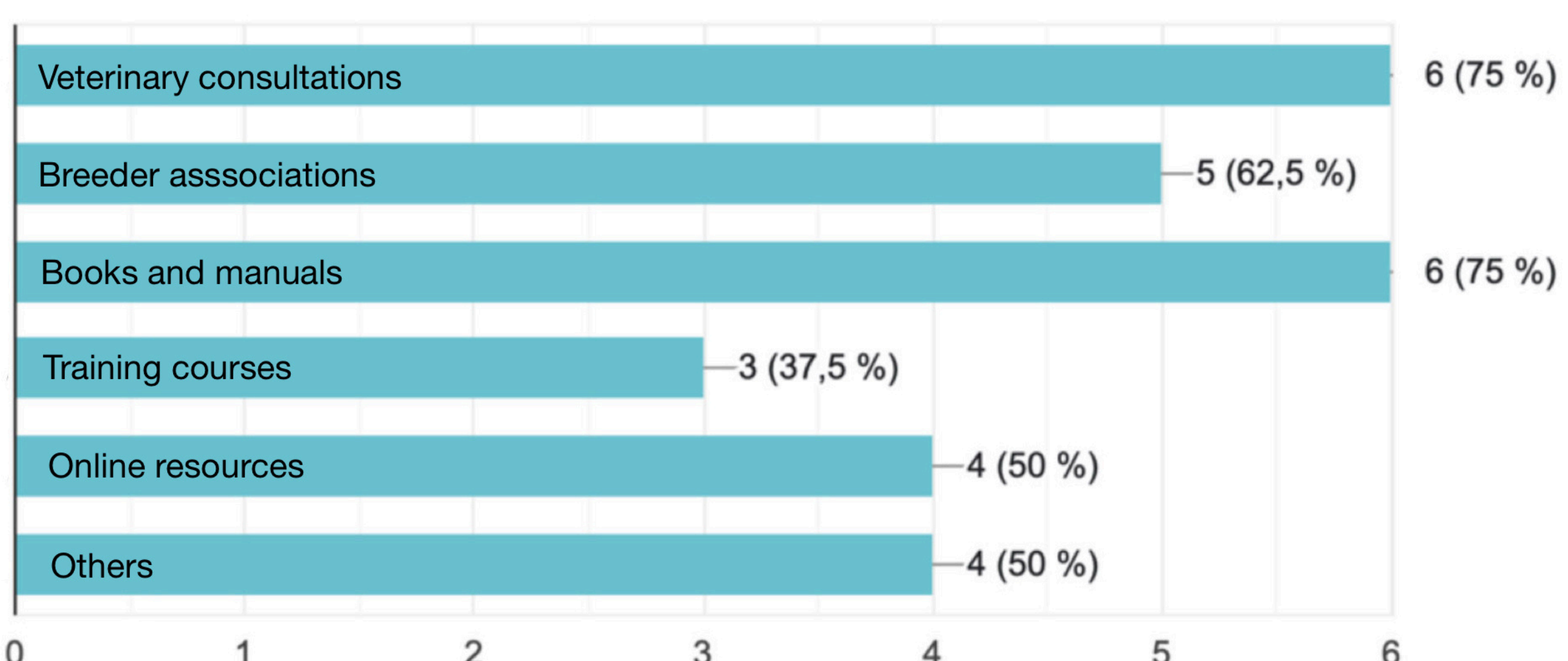


Do you think that when you started working as a breeder, you had the necessary knowledge to carry out your work confidently?

Yes  
No

**Figure 1.** Chart showing that 87.5% of respondents reported lacking the necessary knowledge to confidently perform their duties as breeders when they began working.

What resources did you use to educate yourself in this field?



**Figure 2.** Chart showing that 50% of respondents turned to online sources to learn about dog breeding.

## 3. THE BROCHURE

The literature search initially focused on publications from 2015 onward, but the limited results led to expanding the range to 2010–2025, with one exception from 2008.

The main challenge was adapting scientific content into accessible language for a general audience.

## 4. CONCLUSION

This project highlights the importance of proper animal management alongside clinical expertise and medical knowledge in ensuring animal welfare. While these technical skills are essential, daily care and handling also play a key role in the health and well-being of animals. The project also underlines the need for veterinarians to take on an educational role—not only during consultations, but also by creating clear and useful resources for those who care for animals. Communicating scientific knowledge in a practical and accessible way is essential to improve everyday animal care and promote their welfare.

You can access the bibliography and the full brochure through the QR.

