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Summary: Military working dogs (MWDs) are usually housed individually in

kennels and as a result may have decreased welfare. The majority of MWDs are

initially fostered or procured from domestic environments and placed into

kennelled environments and their ability to cope with such a transition may

affect their welfare. The aim of the study was to investigate the incidence,

variables, and outcomes related to kennel environmental enrichment in

Military Working Dogs at the Lackland Air Force Base Breeding Program. The

hypothesis was that kennel environmental enrichment could help reduce the

number of psychological pathologies and associated injuries that occur as

results of poor welfare. The results of this study highlighted the need for

intervention to reduce the incidence of psychological and physical injuries

associated to kennelling and improve the overall health and welfare of MWDs.

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