Supplementary Material 3: Correlations table for age and agreement with statements about cats in descending order of Spearman's rho value.

Item	Rho
Cats are solitary animals	0.15*
Cats rub against our legs to show affection	0.14*
Cats hate water	0.1
Cats suffocate babies while they are asleep in their crib	0.09
Cats don't need to go outside	0.08
Cats get more attached to their territory than their owner	0.07
Picking a cat up by the scruff of their neck is a good way to calm them	0.05
Pregnant women should not live with cats due to the risk of toxoplasmosis	0.05
Cats can fall from high places without getting hurt	0.05
A cat who is crouched on their front paws wants to be petted	0.02
When a cat purrs, that means they're happy	0.01
Cats can see in total darkness	0.01
It's possible to catch COVID-19 from pet cats	-0.01
Cats urinate outside the litterbox out of disrespect	-0.03
If a cat meows, that means they're hungry	-0.03
Cats scratch furniture out of disrespect	-0.04
Black cats bring bad luck	-0.05
Cats need to drink milk	-0.07
Cats love being touched on their belly	-0.07
Cats get attached to the house, not the people	-0.08
Cats are 'low maintenance' pets	-0.08
It's impossible to train cats	-0.09
If a cat jumps on your lap, that means they want to be petted	-0.18**
Cats meow to communicate with each other	-0.26***

* correlation is significant at $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Correlations table for age and agreement with statements about dogs in descending order of Spearman's rho value.

Item	Rho
Mild physical punishment is an appropriate way to train dogs	<0.01
In some breeds, dogs go crazy as they get older because their brain grows too big	<0.01
It's normal for a dog to be aggressive towards cats	0.2**
Dogs need to be bathed often	0.2**
It's normal for a dog to be aggressive towards strangers	0.19**
It's normal for a dog to be aggressive towards other animals	0.19**
If you have a big dog, you need a big house and garden/yard	0.19**
It's normal for a dog to be aggressive towards other dogs	0.13
It's normal for a dog to be aggressive towards people on bicycles or skates	0.11
If your dog is scared or crying, you should ignore them so you don't reinforce their fears	0.11
Dogs should eat after we do	0.11
It's normal for a dog to be aggressive towards children	0.1
The best way to help a fearful dog is to expose them to their fears	0.1
Dogs aren't meant for apartment living	0.08
If you have a dog, you need a garden/yard	0.08
If dogs eat raw meat, they'll become aggressive	0.07
Don't look a dog in the eye	0.03
A dog must never bite their owner	0.03
Put your hand in the food bowl to teach your dog not to become possessive of food	0.03
If a puppy is touched by a human, the mother will reject them	0.02
Dogs age 7 years for every human year	0.01
Old dogs don't need to play	0.01
When a dog eats grass, that means they're not feeling well	-0.01
A dog that has tasted blood will become more aggressive	-0.02
If a dog is wagging their tail, that means they're happy	-0.03
Small dogs don't need to go outside	-0.03
You should go through the door before the dog	-0.03
Aggression is primarily related to the breed and size of the dog	-0.05
Dog parks are perfect for socialising puppies	-0.06
It's normal for a dog to bark, whine, and destroy things when left at home alone	-0.06
It's possible to catch COVID-19 from pet dogs	-0.07
If a male dog is aggressive, the best solution is to neuter him	-0.08
Dogs need to know who's in charge	-0.09
The best way to help a fearful dog is to punish them	-0.09
Only puppies can learn to love their owner; adult dogs can't	-0.09
If a dog's nose is dry, that means they're not feeling well	-0.09
Dogs only see in black and white	-0.11
If your dog urinates indoors, you should push their nose into the urine	-0.11
Some breeds, like Doberman Pinschers or Rottweilers, don't recognise their owners at night	-0.11
Dogs can eat any human foods	-0.13
There's nothing wrong with smacking a dog with a rolled-up newspaper	-0.14*
Dogs misbehave to punish their owner	-0.14*
Dogs love being hugged	-0.16*
Dogs know when they've done something bad. That's why they look guilty when their owners come home and see what they've done	-0.16*

* correlation is significant at p< 0.05, ** p<0.01.