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**Paper: “The Temporal Welfare Trade-off Framework: A DecisionSupport Tool for Animal Behavior Modification and Related Welfare-Relevant Procedures”**

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Peer review:

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Reviewer B:  
Recommendation: Revisions Required  
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**The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.**

The Title and Subtitle seem to have redundancy. The two could be combined into just one title.

**The ABSTRACT clearly presents objectives, methods, results, and conclusions.**

The abstract is 476 words without heading and keywords. The recommended APA length for an abstract is 150 - 250 words. Greater clarity could be provided with this abstract if it was condensed to focus clearly on presentation of objectives, methods, results, and conclusions versus a very lengthy description. Also, APA recommends against citations within the abstract as it is to be a summary of a manuscript

**There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.**

The paper does have good adherence to high quality writing standards.

**The study METHODS are explained clearly.**

Greater clarity is needed with tables to present the seven steps of the method as outlined in Appendix A for the recommended protocol framework and then tables to show how each of the three representative cases followed that protocol standard.

**The results are clear and do not contain errors.**

The results for the three cases seemed to be different outcomes and the clarity of relevance of these to the recommended protocol framework is needed. It would help inform the reader better if the description of the framework included a clear statement of intended outcome when the protocol is used and then identification of how each of the three cases achieved that outcome. This presentation could be integrated into the table presentations as noted in the previous comment with the rubric.

**The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.**

The Conclusion provides good summary of what is presented by the content of the paper. As section

7.Limitations notes 10 considerations of concern, the conclusion should note the presence of this also and further planned action to resolve those

**The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.**

The two following reference list entries were not cited in the text:

Cobb, M. L., Jiménez, A. G., and Dreschel, N. A. (2025). Beyond Cortisol! Physiological Indicators of Welfare

for Dogs: Debits, Misunderstandings and Opportunities. Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science, 1-30.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/10888705.2025.2572616>

Ziv, G. (2017). The effects of using aversive training methods in dogs: A review. Journal of Veterinary Behavior, 19, 50-60. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jveb.2017.02.004>

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***Please rate the ABSTRACT of this paper.***

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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***Please rate the LANGUAGE of this paper.***

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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***Please rate the METHODS of this paper.***

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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***Please rate the RESULTS of this paper.***

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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***Please rate the CONCLUSION of this paper.***

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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***Please rate the REFERENCES of this paper.***

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**Overall Recommendation!!!**

Accepted, minor revision needed

**Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):**

- \* Revise the title through combination of the title and subtitle into one.
- \* Revise the abstract to more concisely present objectives, methods, results, and conclusions in 150 to 250 words.
- \* Provide tables to present the framework as outlined in Appendix A and then a table to present how each of the three cases followed that protocol with notation of how an intended outcome of the protocol was met.

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