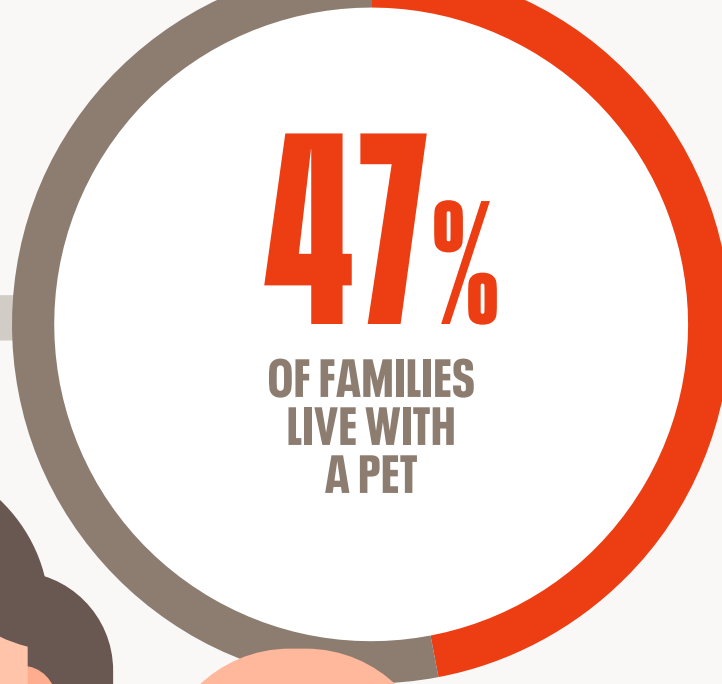


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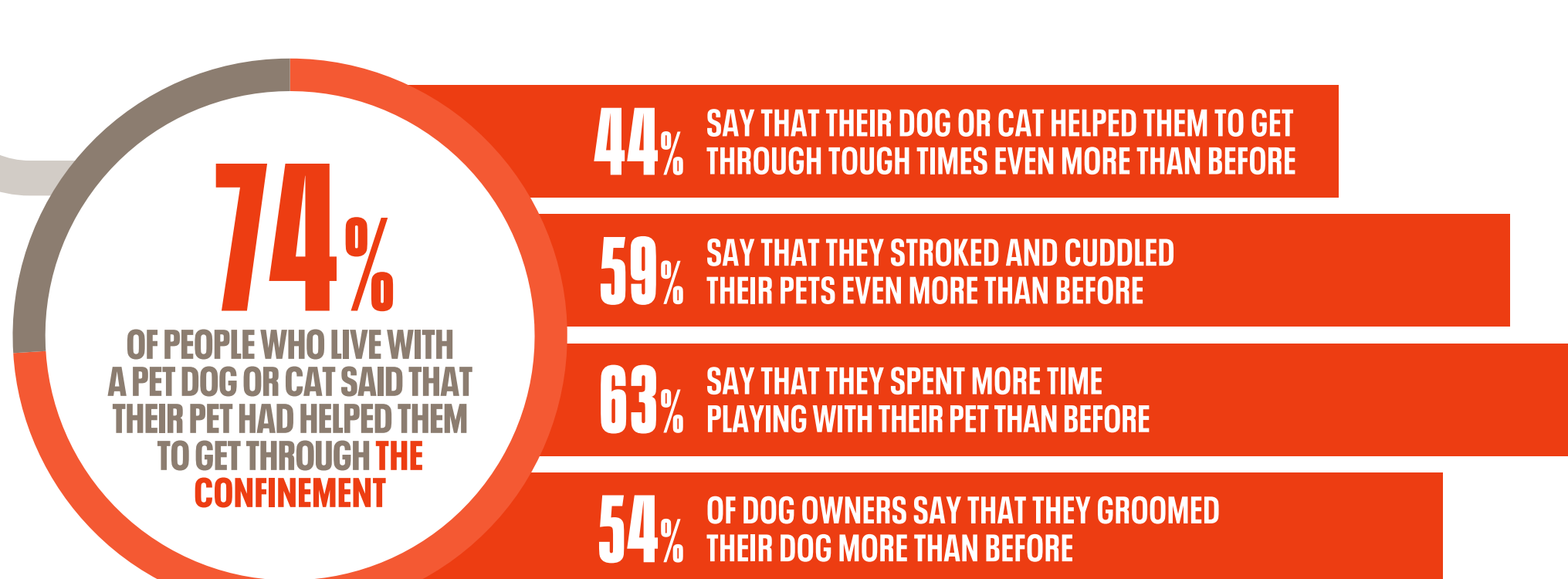


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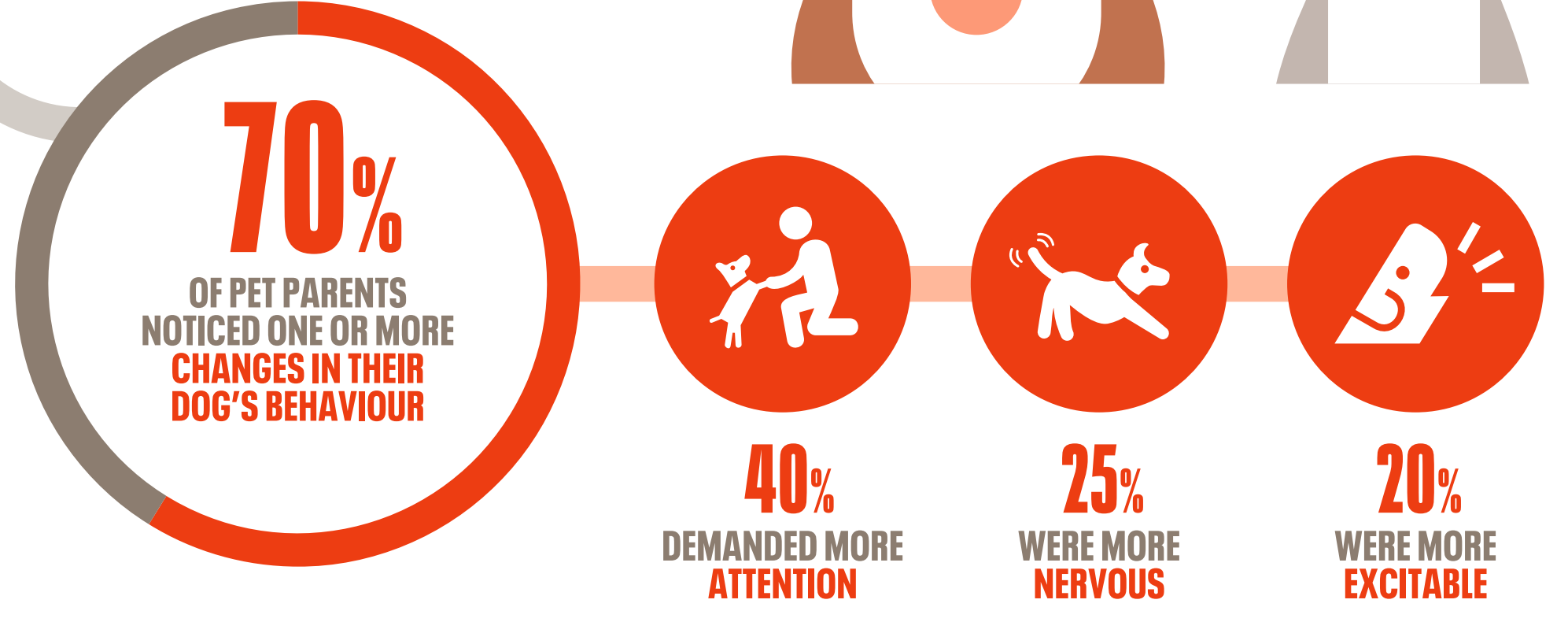
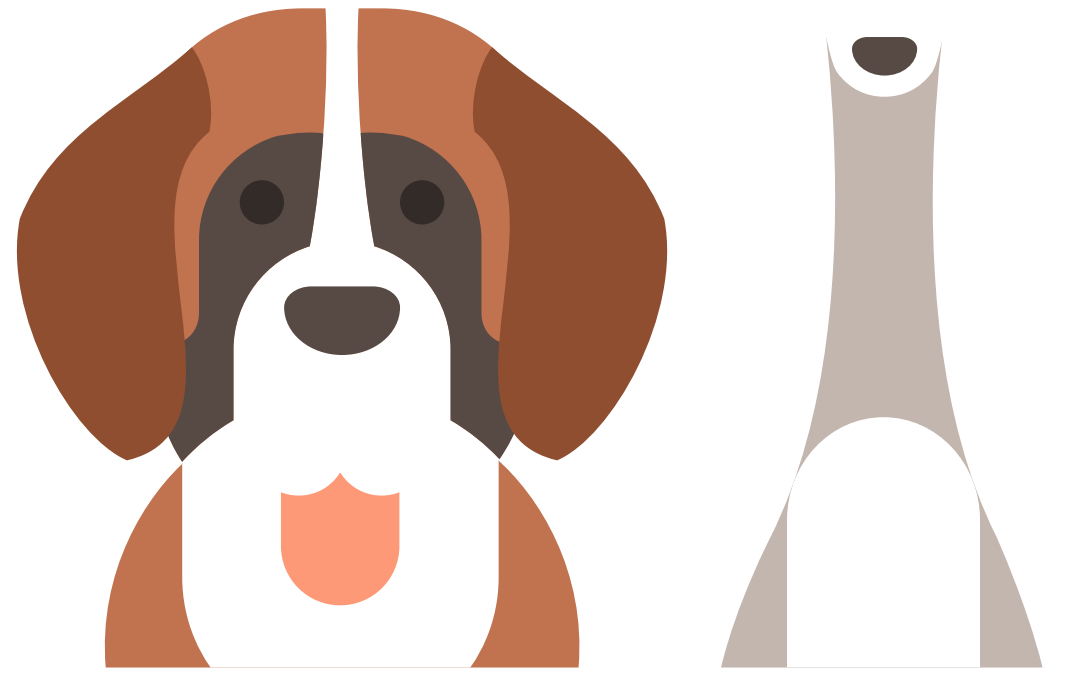
LIVING WITH DOGS AND CATS DURING THE CONFINEMENT: HOW HAS IT AFFECTED US?



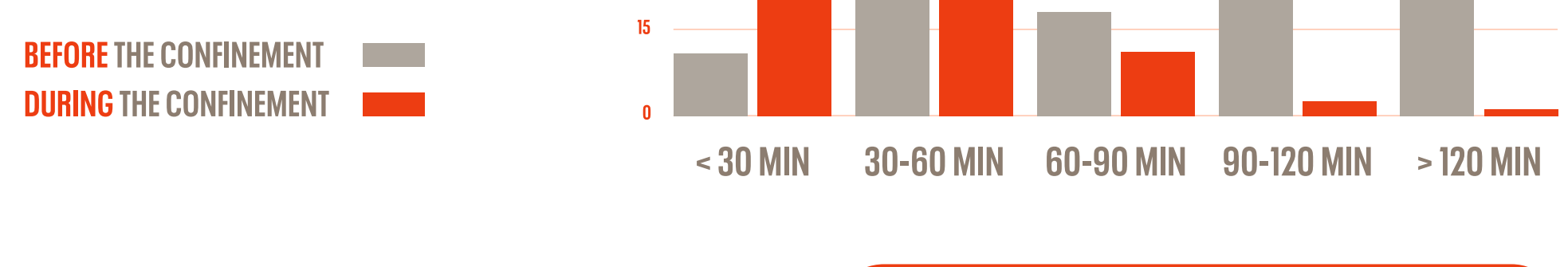
34% of dog owners and **19%** of cat owners admit that they gave their pets more food treats. We need to be careful, because this could lead to weight gain.

We need to respect the pet's need for privacy and rest.

HOW DID THE CONFINEMENT AFFECT DOGS?



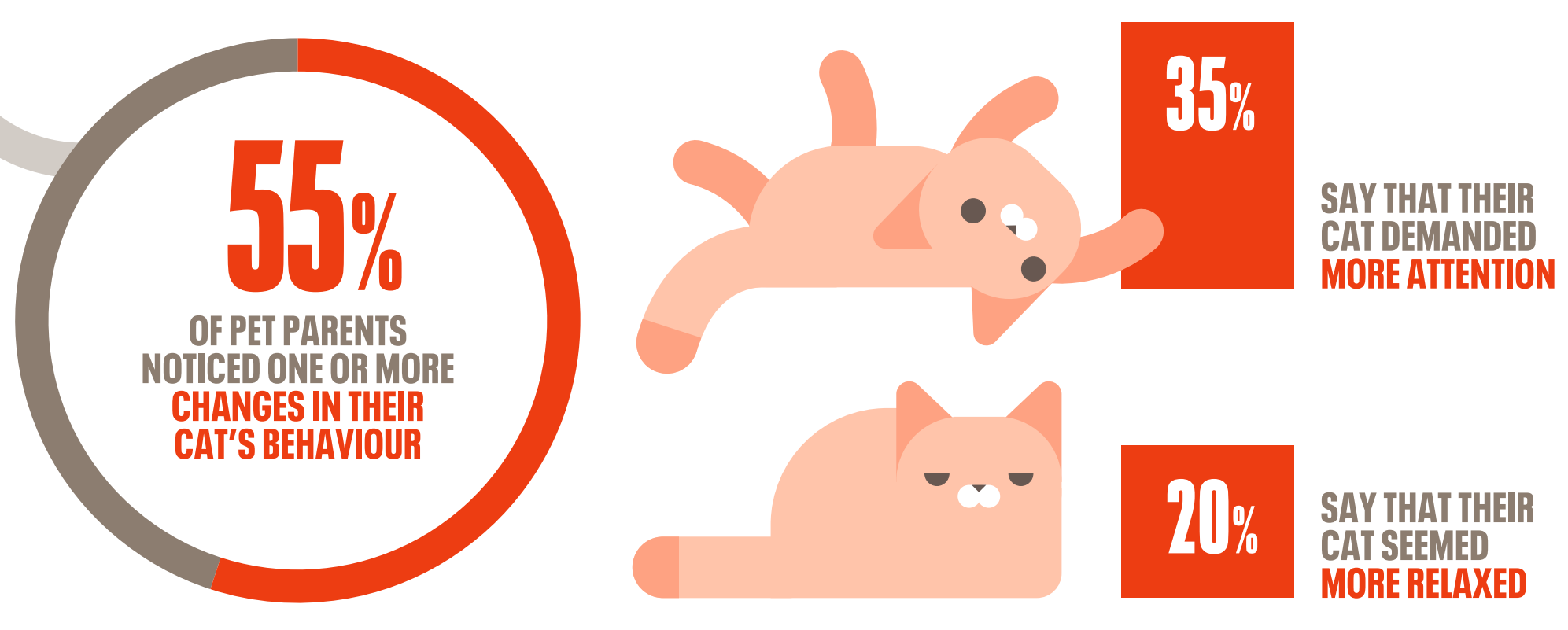
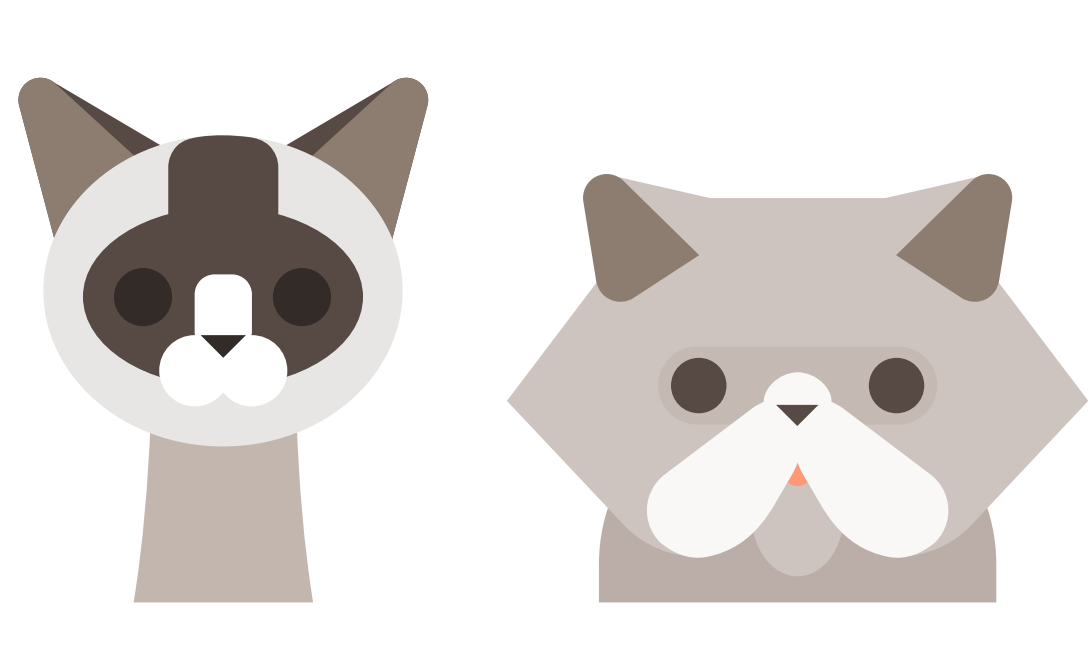
THE DURATION OF DAILY WALKS WAS REDUCED DURING THE CONFINEMENT



Before the confinement, just **11%** of dogs went out for less than 30 minutes. During the confinement, this increased to **52%**.

In general, walks became shorter. To make up for this we must keep our dogs active with exercises and training that stimulate their mind.

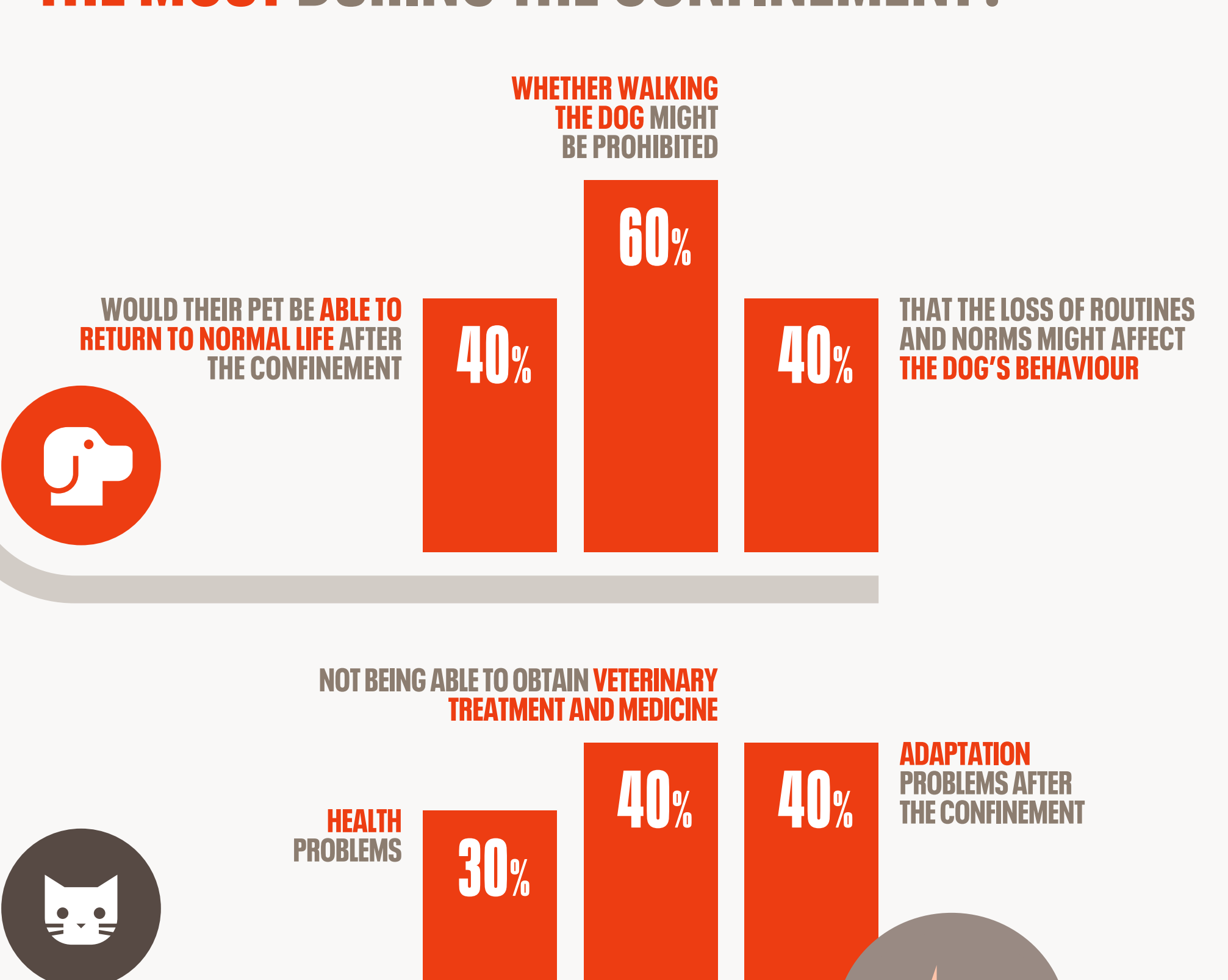
HOW DID THE CONFINEMENT AFFECT CATS?



Avoiding changes in daily routines helps to prevent stress in dogs and cats.

Parents should supervise interactions between children and pets, to give pets time and space to relax. Otherwise pets may become stressed.

WHAT CONCERNED PET OWNERS THE MOST DURING THE CONFINEMENT?



THE BOND HAS BECOME STRONGER
This study confirmed that the human-animal bond was strengthened during the confinement. Both dogs and cats have helped us during this difficult period.



DO YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Contact the **Temporary Support Service** of the Affinity Foundation to obtain help from veterinarian behaviourists about your pet's behaviour and well-being during the confinement.

If you have concerns about your pet's health or behaviour, the best person to consult is your regular veterinarian.

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