

Audio Recording

The text explores different aspects of aggression and reproductive strategies in animals. A distinction is made between two parenting strategies: strategy r, in which parents produce a large amount of offspring without caring for it, and strategy K, in which parents invest energy to raise and protect their children, with a greater probability of survival of the offspring. The second, more expensive strategy is associated with aggressive behaviour, as in the case of the Nile crocodile.

The phenomenon of "cute aggression" is also treated, a neurological response that stimulates the care of the baby, due to physical traits such as large head and round eyes, typical of puppies. This behaviour is also evident in domestic animals, such as dogs and cats, but is also explored in the case of foxes.

Finally, the text discusses the aggressiveness of reproduction, explaining how the male, with a low energy cost for sperm production, tries to mate with more females, while the female, who invests more resources in eggs, tries to maximise reproductive success and develops strategies to avoid forced mating by the male.