

# Status of Green care in Sweden

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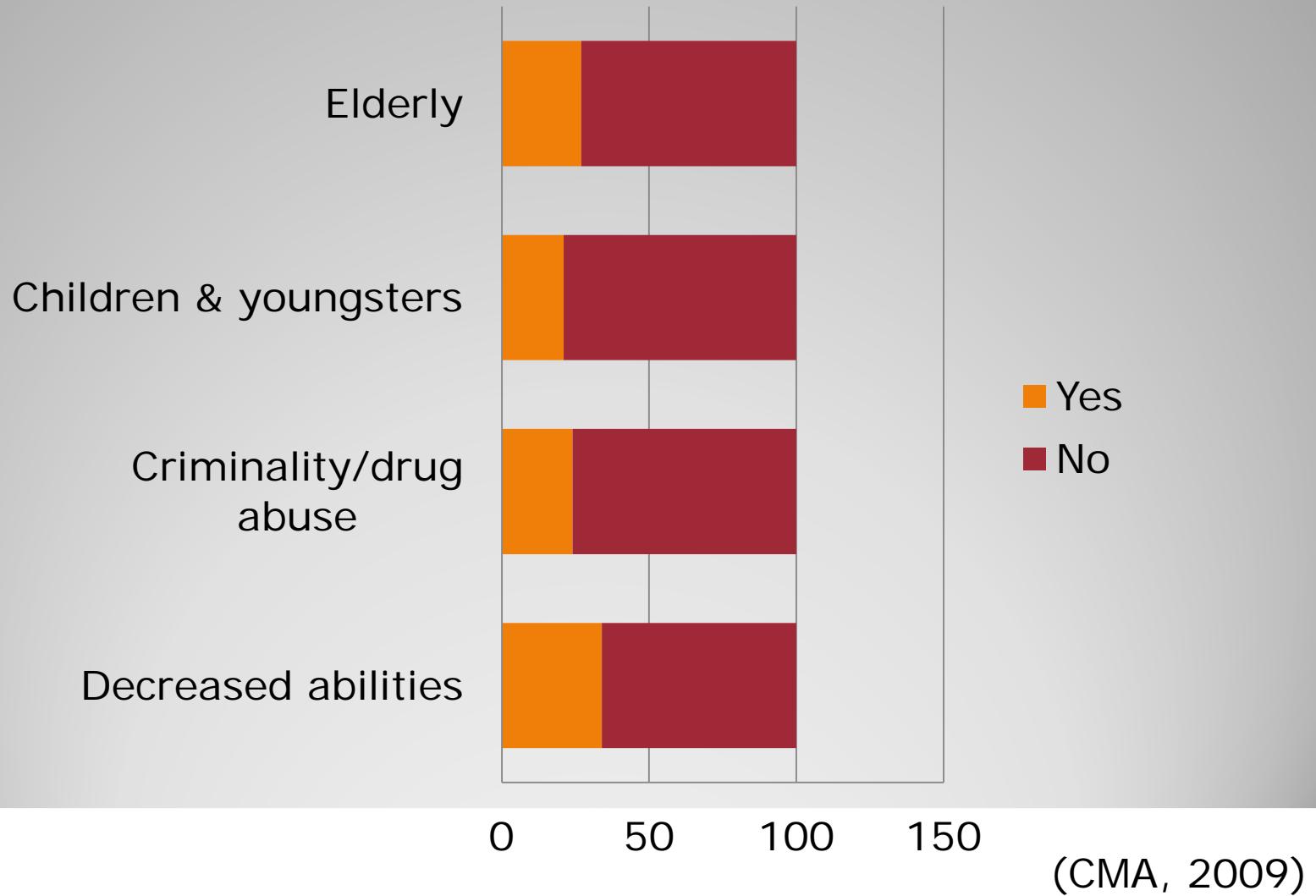
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# How interested are municipalities in Green care?

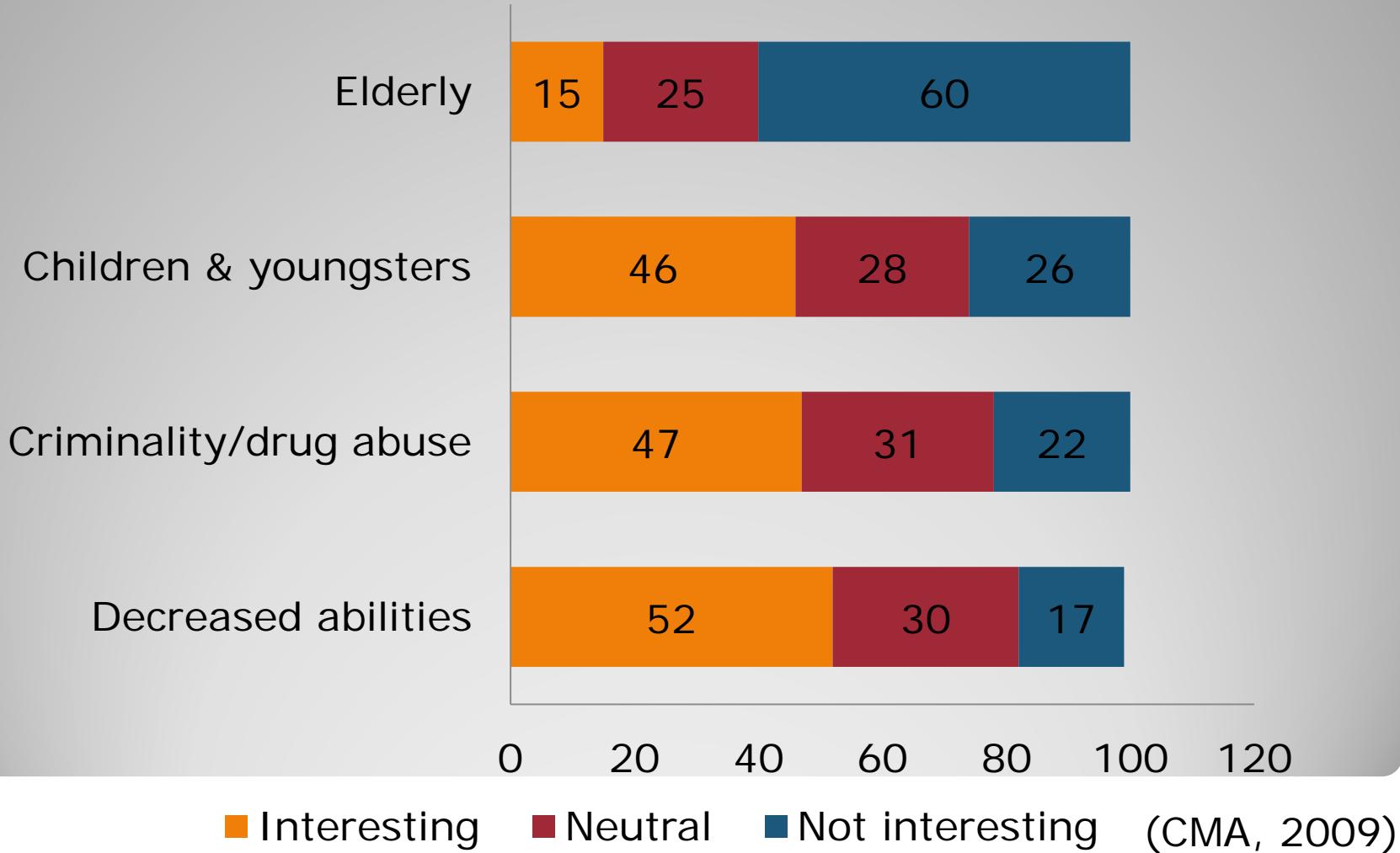
- Centre of Market Analysis (CMA, 2009)
- Random telephone interviews
- 202 persons
- 104 Swedish municipalities



# Have you heard about Green care before?



# How interested are you in hiring private entrepreneurs?



# Conclusions CMA (2009)

- More positive:
  - Those who heard about Green care before
  - Municipalities using private entrepreneurs
  - Municipalities with customer- or free choice systems
  - Large municipalities (>20 000 inhabitants)
- Regional differences



# Which customers are willing to buy Green care?

- Interviews of 4 selected municipalities & 3 regions with 7 municipalities
- Prefer companies in the Green sector to present a ready concept, which politicians and official officers can decide on and develop further
- Strong demand on evidence based scientific studies to support the effect of different care



(Whitelock, 2009)

# On-going research

- Rehabilitation garden
  - Created in Alnarp, SLU
  - Initiated by Prof. Patrik Grahn
  - Clients with stress related syndromes, changing to clients with stroke
- Nature based rehabilitation
  - Collaboration between health care centres & farms
  - Financed by ESF & Region Skåne, FK, SLU
  - Clients with stress related syndromes



# On-going research

- Wellbeing and health promoting effects of interaction with dogs in elderly care (PhD Anne Nilsson)
- The effect of massage-like stroking on stress response in dogs (PhD Anne Nilsson)
- How do educated therapy dogs (*Canis familiaris*) get affected by their work in human care? (BSc Elin Ehrén)



(From Manimalis report, 2009)

# On-going research

- Effect of ethnic background on communication between horse and rider (Margareta Håkansson, Chalmers-IT University & Jenny Yngvesson, SLU)
- The horse, the dog and the human health (Gunilla Silfverberg, Ersta Sköndal University)
  - Three completed and three longing studies



(From Whitelock´s report 2009)

# Conclusions

- Developing research area in Sweden
- SLU in Skara organize workshops, seminar & a basic course on use of care animals (Vanja Sandgren, Vinnova, 2012)
- Self-Evaluation Report, Care sciences at SLU (Patrik Grahn)



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