

1 **Supplementary Information for**

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4 **Classification of pig calls produced from birth to slaughter**
5 **according to their emotional valence and context of production**

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49 **Description of contexts not appearing in published articles**

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51 **Additional experiments conducted by NMBU**

52 **Subjects and study site.** Two experiments were conducted using the same subjects: a
53 conditioning experiment, during which pigs were conditioned to expect an enriched or a barren
54 environment, and a running test, during which pigs were let free to run in a corridor. Both
55 experiments were conducted at the pig research facility of the Norwegian University of Life
56 Sciences (NMBU) in Ås, Norway, from May to June 2017. The animals used for both experiments
57 (n=16 female and 16 male pigs, Noroc breed (TDLZL; crossbreed Tn70 x Duroc)) were randomly
58 selected from four different litters. A total of 16 sibling pig pairs were housed on solid floored pens
59 (1.0 m wide × 2.6 m deep) with visual, auditory and olfactory contact with conspecifics. The pens
60 were covered with a layer of sawdust, which was changed every morning. Pig pairs were given
61 *ad libitum* access to water and were fed according to swine industrial standards. The 16 pairs of
62 pigs experienced 5 weeks of habituation (conditioning) that consisted of herding each pair of pigs
63 through a long corridor (2.08 m wide m x 23.33 m long) from the home pen to an experimental
64 arena (either barren or enriched) where they were kept for 10 minutes. The barren arena (3.0 m
65 wide x 2.80 m long; 8.4 m²) had a solid concrete floor and was totally empty. The enriched arena
66 (3.0 m wide x 2.90 m long; 8.7 m²) also had a solid concrete floor but was covered with a thick
67 layer of straw. Additionally, plastic toys and food treats were scattered around the whole arena.
68 The toys were a rubber pig, a rubber horseshoe, a yarn braid toy and cardboard boxes. The food
69 treats were: freshly sliced apples (two apples per trial), corn flakes (approximately 100 g), puffed
70 rice bread in pieces (approximately 100 g), pasta (approximately 100 g) and 100-200 g of silage.
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72 **Conditioning experiment.** All 16 pairs of pigs experienced both the barren and enriched arenas
73 once per week during a total of 7 weeks (5 weeks of habituation, and 2 weeks of testing, during
74 which video and audio recordings were collected), on alternating days as follows; on the first day

75 of each week, for the pig pairs 1-8, the odd numbers (i.e., pairs 1, 3, 5 and 7) were taken to the
76 enriched arena while even pair numbers (i.e., pairs 2, 4, 6 and 8) were taken to barren arena. Pig
77 pairs 9-16 remained in their home pens during that day. The following day, for pig pairs 9-16, the
78 odd numbers (pairs 9, 11, 13 and 15) were taken to enriched arena, while even pair numbers
79 (pairs 10, 12, 14 and 16) were taken to the barren arena. Pig pairs 1-8 remained in their home
80 pens during that day. The following two days of the week, the same procedure was repeated but
81 alternating the arenas between pairs. During the two last weeks, pig vocalizations were recorded
82 in each test trial using a Sennheiser MKH70 directional microphone, connected to a Marantz
83 PMD660 digital recorder (sampling rate 44.1 kHz, 16 bit, mono, wav format). The microphone and
84 digital recorder were mounted on a tripod that was standing next to the fence of each arena
85 (either barren or enriched) and remained out of sight of the pigs (1.20 m, above the fence). Pig
86 behavior was video recorded using a Panasonic analog camera (WV-CP500/G) that was
87 suspended from the ceiling, positioned so that it faced the middle of the test arena and connected
88 to a computer with EthoVision XT 10 (Noldus Information Technology, Wageningen, The
89 Netherlands).

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91 **Running experiment.** After 7 weeks following the same treatment (see above), pigs were
92 recorded while running in the corridor over 4 days. Each running trial consisted in one pair of pigs
93 (pairs 1-16) being released from their home pen (opening a metallic gate) and set free to run
94 towards the experimental arena. Once they reached the experimental arena, the pigs were left in
95 either a barren or an enriched arena (as described above) for 5 minutes. Afterwards, the pair of
96 pigs were set free to run back from the experimental arena towards the house pen. Therefore,
97 overall, a total of 4 running trials (both ways) were recorded from each pair of pigs. The
98 equipment was set up above the one fence when the pigs were running towards the experimental
99 arena, while on the way back (from experimental arena towards house pen), the equipment was
100 placed in a corner on a tripod. The audio and video recordings were exclusively made when the
101 pigs were on running in the corridor. Each trial was recorded in in the same format and with the

102 same equipment as for the conditioning experiment, and filmed using a digital video camera
103 (Sony DSC-HX300).

104 The Norwegian Food Safety Authority that approved all the experimental procedures carried out
105 with the pigs (Application, FOTS ID 12021)

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107 **Additional experiments conducted by IASP**

108 The facilities and subjects are described in details in Linhart et al.¹. The piglets went through a
109 battery of several behavioral tests and simulated situations including back-test (see Linhart et al.¹
110 for details), isolation, reunion, and real and sham castration. Seven day-old piglets were
111 individually taken out of the pen and transported to another room with no acoustic contact with
112 other pigs. Here, the piglet was placed inside a small box (0.7m x 0.7m x 0.7m) opened from the
113 top and subjected to a short (3 minutes) or long (8 minutes) isolation. Their vocalizations were
114 recorded with a directional microphone set up 1 meter above the box (Sennheiser ME66) and
115 digital recorder (Marantz PMD671, sampling rate: 48 kHz, 24 bit, mono, uncompressed PCM
116 format). Immediately after the isolation, piglets were transported back to their home pen and their
117 immediate vocal response to reunion was recorded for 1 minute. Piglets were further recorded
118 during the routine castration procedure on the farm. Castration was done by an experienced
119 stockperson and no anaesthetics were used for the purpose of the experiment. Recordings were
120 collected at 2 meters from the subject in a separate room, using the same equipment as for the
121 isolation and reunion situation. Half of the piglets went immediately through the castration
122 procedure while the second half of the piglets went through sham castration first. During sham
123 castration, a piglet was handled, fixed and treated like in a real castration, but incisions were only
124 simulated by the blunt side of scalpel. The stage of the procedure was noted on the microphone.
125 This experiment was approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the
126 Institute of Animal Science and the Czech Central Committee for Protection of Animals, Ministry
127 of Agriculture (decision MZe 1244).

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129 **Additional experiments conducted by INRAE and ETRE**

130 Pig sounds were recorded in a French commercial slaughterhouse during routine slaughter. Pigs
131 were transported in groups to the slaughterhouse the day before their slaughter and were
132 submitted to a period of lairage during approximately 12 hours during which they were food
133 deprived. They were then introduced into an individual slaughter corridor, using hand/voice or
134 electric prod, and remained without human presence during a few minutes. They were introduced
135 into the restraining device, a V-Type restrainer conveyor. It holds the animal between two
136 conveyor belts, set in a 'V' formation. The speed of the restrainer-conveyor can be varied,
137 according to the type of animal and capabilities of the individual operator. The system is usually
138 operated with a foot pedal. At the end of the restrainer conveyor, pigs were individually stunned
139 using an electrical stunning.

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141 Recording of pig sounds were carried out during 4 different stages, all corresponding to an
142 unfamiliar and noisy environment: 1) Waiting in the individual slaughter corridor near the
143 slaughter area; 2) Handling in the individual slaughter corridor by an unfamiliar human using
144 voice and/or hand to handle pigs; 3) Handling in the individual slaughter corridor by an unfamiliar
145 human using an electric prod²; 4) Introduction of pigs into the restrainer conveyor.

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147 Recordings were carried out during 3 slaughter days, May 10, April 19 and 26 between 6:00: and
148 10:00 am, using a microphone (Sennheiser ME 67), connected to a recorder (Marantz PMD661;
149 sampling rate: 44.1 kHz, 16 bit, mono, wav format).

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151 **Acoustic analyses**

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153 **Initial selection of calls**

154 Due to the large amount of calls in our original database (n > 38000 calls), an initial selection was
155 carried out as follows; we used all the sounds available for all situations, except for two recording
156 situations that were highly overrepresented: 'Social isolation in a small box for 3 min' and 'Social

157 isolation in a small box for 8 min' (see Supplementary Table S1 for details), with 29196 individual
158 calls. For these two contexts, we selected a random representative sample of about 1000 calls,
159 equally divided between males and females, and between the two types of isolation (3 or 8
160 minutes). During the acoustic analysis, we also manually excluded calls whose quality was not
161 estimated to be good enough for further analyses, i.e. with a sound to background noise ratio that
162 was too low (as assessed visually on a spectrogram).

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164 **Setting**

165 We provide here a more detailed description of the acoustic analysis. The settings entered in the
166 script used to extract the 10 acoustic parameters from low- and high-frequency (LF and HF) calls
167 are detailed below in the order presented in Table 2 (Praat commands are indicated in brackets;
168 see Table 2 for abbreviation of the parameters).

- 169 1) Duration. The duration (Dur) was measured as the total duration of each wav file, which
170 corresponded to individual calls previously extracted manually from the recordings, based
171 on the visualization of both the oscillogram and spectrogram.
- 172 2) Amplitude modulation. AmpModVar, AmpModRate and AmpModExtent were calculated
173 from the intensity contour of each call extracted using the [Sound: To Intensity] command
174 (Minimum pitch = 150 Hz, Time step = 0.008 s), with the method described in Charlton et
175 al.³. The minimum pitch was set as such so that short calls (but not shorter than 0.043 s,
176 corresponding to 6.4/150 Hz) could be processed.
- 177 3) Spectrum-related parameters. Q25%, Q50% and Q75% were measured on a spectrum
178 applied to the whole call, and FPeak was measured on a cepstral-smoothed spectrum
179 ([Create: Cepstral smoothing] command; Bandwidth = 100 Hz).
- 180 4) Noise. We measured the harmonicity using the [Sound: To Harmonicity (cc)] command
181 (time step = 0.008 s, minimum pitch = 150 Hz, Silence threshold = 0.2, Periods per
182 window = 1), and the Wiener entropy (WienEntropy) using a script provided by Beckers⁴
183 with the following settings; frame duration = 0.01 s, time step = 0.004 s, start frequency =
184 50 Hz, end frequency = Q75%.

185 AmpModRate and AmpModExtent could not be extracted from 191 calls. All other parameters
186 could be measured in all calls.

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188 **Classification into low and high frequency calls**

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190 Since visual classification of calls can be biased, we established a cut-off point to separate LF
191 from HF calls. Calls were initially a-priori classified based on their acoustic structure, visualized
192 on spectrograms (FFT method, window length = 0.01 s, time steps = 1000, frequency steps =
193 250, Gaussian window shape, dynamic range = 60 dB, view range = 0-8000 Hz), into five main
194 call types according to Tallet et al.⁵, as follows; low-frequency stable (LFs, e.g. closed-mouth
195 grunt), low-frequency modulated (LFm, e.g. open-mouth grunt), low-frequency tonal (LFt, e.g.
196 bark, croak or chirrup), high-frequency stable (HFs, e.g. squeal or squeak), and high-frequency
197 modulated (HFm, e.g. scream). In addition, any call consisting of a mix between two of these
198 categories was labelled as 'mixed' (e.g. grunt-scream; total = 6 call types). To ensure
199 reproducibility, this classification was performed for each context by two trained people. Following
200 this a-priori classification, a discriminant function was carried out in R software (v.3.6.1) to identify
201 which acoustic parameter varied the most between LF calls (including LFs, LFm and LFt) and HF
202 calls (including HFs and HFm). The spectral center of gravity (Q50%) was the parameter that
203 obtained the highest loading on the first discriminant function (LD1; $r = -0.95$) and was thus
204 chosen for establishing a cut-off point. The cut-off point was then determined for the 3 age
205 classes of pigs separately (1 = 1-25 days old, 2 = 32-43 days old, 3 \geq 85 days old) as follows;
206 since the number of calls differed between call types and age categories, for each, we calculated
207 the average median of 1000 random selections of 100 Q50% values. For a given age class, the
208 cut-off point was then determined as the difference in the resulting median for HF and LF calls
209 (class 1 = 2414 Hz; class 2 = 2153 Hz and class 3 = 896 Hz). These cut-off points resulted in the
210 classification of 88.7% (age class 1) to 99.8% (age class 3) a-priori LF calls (LFS, LFm and LFt)
211 as LF, and in the classification of 82.7% (age class 3) to 86.5% (age class 1) a-priori HF calls
212 (HFs and HFm) as HF. Regarding mixed calls, 38.4% (age class 2) to 58.4% (age class 3) were

213 classified as HF. All statistical analyses were conducted on LF and HF calls classified based on
214 these cut-off points.

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216 **Statistical analyses**

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218 **Principal component analysis (PCA)**

219 The principal components (PC) with an eigenvalue greater than 1 (Kaiser's criterion: 4 in LF and
220 3 in HF calls; Supplementary Table S3) were extracted from the PCA and the parameters loading
221 highly ($r \geq 0.5$) on each PC were highlighted. Then, for each category of parameters (see Table
222 1 for details), we selected the parameter that had the highest loading on each PC. Finally, when
223 the category contained several parameters, the parameter kept for further analyses was the one
224 being selected the most often across PCs and call types.

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226 **Linear mixed-effects models (LMM)**

227 We checked the residuals of the models graphically for normal distribution and homoscedasticity
228 (simulateResiduals function, package DHARMA⁶). To fit the model assumptions, Dur and
229 AmpModRate were log transformed. P values (PBmodcomp function, package pbrtest⁷) were
230 calculated using parametric bootstrap methods (1000 samples). Model estimates and confidence
231 intervals were calculated for all models using a bootstrap approach (1000 samples, bootMer
232 function, package lme4⁸). In addition, we calculated marginal R^2 ($R^2_{GLMM(m)}$) of our fixed factor
233 (valence or context category) following⁹. $R^2_{GLMM(m)}$ corresponds to the proportion of variance
234 explained by the fixed factor alone.

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236 **Permuted discriminant function analysis (pDFA)**

237 When testing the effect of the valence, it was possible to set the argument for balanced dataset to
238 'mode', since some pigs had been recorded in both positive and negative contexts. In this case, a
239 repeated random selection of same number of cases per combination of test and control factor as
240 well as of same number of levels of the test factor per level of the control factor is used for

241 deriving the discriminant function(s). By contrast, when testing the effect of the context, since
242 each pig had been exposed to only a few of each, we had to set the argument to 'no', resulting in
243 all available combinations of the levels of the test factor and the control factor being chosen.
244 Although the pDFA is rather robust against outliers or skewed distributions, Dur and Q50% were
245 log transformed to achieve approximately symmetrical distributions. The p value of a pDFA is
246 calculated as the proportion of permutations revealing a number of correctly classified objects at
247 least as large as the original data¹⁰. It should be noted that the results of a crossed pDFA for
248 incomplete design should be interpreted with caution (R. Mundry, personal communication).

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250 **Neural network**

251 ***Neural network appraisal: accuracy vs. loss function***

252 While training the neural networks, a strong decorrelation between the cross-entropy loss function
253 and the accuracy of the classifier was observed as the neural network approached peak accuracy
254 performance. This is often indicative of outliers or misclassifications in a dataset, which the neural
255 network attempts to better fit at the expense of accuracy. Combing the extensive dataset for
256 outliers fell beyond the scope of this work, so this concern was abated by saving the neural
257 networks and their performance metrics from the epoch with the highest accuracy (as measured
258 on the validation set), rather than the loss function minima. This more faithfully appraises the
259 potential for neural networks as a classifier of pig vocalizations, but still likely provides an
260 underestimate of the neural networks' abilities.

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262 ***Visualizing the dataset and neural network performance***

263 The complex decision-making process of the proposed image classifying neural network begins
264 with a spectrogram, and ends with a classification prediction. Along the way to making this
265 classification, the neural network makes observations of key pixel arrangements, which are
266 indicative of certain vocalization types. In the final layers of the neural network, these
267 observations become a 2048-dimension vector representation of what the neural network deems
268 to be the spectrogram's most distinctive features, which finally allows the neural network to make

269 a high-confidence classification. By examining the last fully connected layer of the neural network,
270 it is possible to visualize how this intricate system perceived the dataset of vocalizations. This
271 was done by applying a second machine learning algorithm, t-distributed Stochastic Neighbor
272 Embedding (t-SNE), to the activations of the final fully connected layer produced by the neural
273 network for each spectrogram.

274 t-SNE is a dimensionality reduction algorithm which faithfully recreates high-dimensional
275 groupings in lower, visualizable dimensions. This is accomplished by calculating the probability
276 that high-dimensional vectors are neighbors in their original high-dimensional space, and then
277 faithfully recreating these probabilities as distances between points in lower dimensions ¹¹. t-SNE
278 has multiple tuneable hyperparameters, but only perplexity is of relevance here. Perplexity can be
279 thought of as a measure of how many neighbors each point is expected to have ¹¹. The selected
280 perplexity values for Figure 2 are explained below.

281 For Figure 2a, a perplexity of 50 was chosen, as the valence groups are large (positive:
282 2285, negative: 5129) and so many neighbours are expected for each point. To avoid any
283 confusion, it should be noted here that while t-SNE can be influenced by how many neighbours it
284 is told to seek, it can only report relationships native to the original high-dimensional data.
285 Therefore, it is interesting to explore the behavior of clusters at different perplexities, as this can
286 inform about the relationships between vocalizations at various scales. It is thus of great interest
287 that at perplexity 50 the t-SNE embedding groups the data into more than just two large
288 neighbourhoods, as might be expected from the results of a binary classifier. The plurality of
289 clusters here shows that the neural network detects more substructure in the dataset than just the
290 two valences it was taught to identify. In fact, at lower perplexities, the given clusters further
291 subdivide into smaller groups while maintaining the same global structure. These sub-clusters do
292 not correspond well with context, recording team, sex, or age. These substructures are
293 consequently expected to link to specific acoustic features observed in the spectrograms across
294 the aforementioned categories.

295 Figure 2b was created by applying t-SNE to the context classifying neural network's final
296 fully connected layer activations for each spectrogram. Despite the large range in the number of

297 vocalizations per context class (e.g. Surprise: 17, Isolation: 2069), the clusters in this map are
298 robust to changes in perplexity across the tested range (10-50). As the smallest classes are
299 naturally most distinct at low perplexities, a perplexity of 20 was chosen to be shown in this work.

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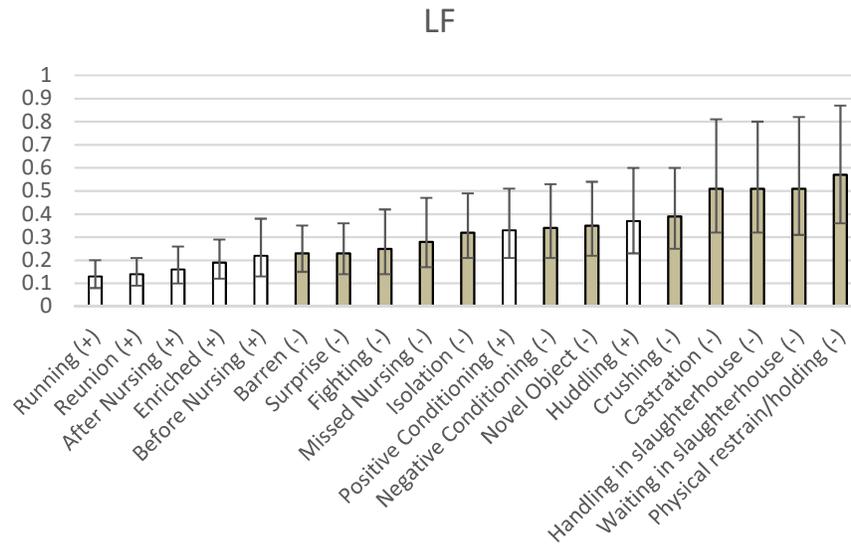
301 ***Neural network classifier verification***

302 A neural network was chosen for this classification task because neural networks operate on
303 complex inputs, which allow for more complete, information rich signals to be analyzed. However,
304 one drawback of this method can be the inclusion of undesired signal information, which may
305 skew training. Specifically, since the dataset is a compilation of recording work done by multiple
306 international collaborators, it was of great concern that the acoustic environment in which the
307 vocalizations were recorded was not used by the neural network in order to aid in its
308 classifications of the spectrograms. The term “acoustic environment,” here is meant to include
309 differences in audio recordings caused by the team recording a vocalization, how far the
310 microphone was from the pig, the use of particular recording equipment, the sounds of other pigs
311 in the background, the sounds of farm equipment or machinery in the background, etc. For
312 example, it can be seen in Figure 2b, there are two clearly distinct Reunion clusters, Restrain is
313 split into multiple groups, and the Isolation neighborhood could arguably contain four hazily
314 separated clusters. This could potentially be attributed to the fact that different teams, at separate
315 recording locations, contributed these sound files. Perhaps the neural network and t-SNE are
316 able to distinguish them, even within the same class label, by the environmental noise in the
317 background. This argument can be supported by Figure S4, which shows the same data from
318 Figure 2b, but colored according to which recording team contributed the data. However, it could
319 also be true that these unexpected clusters are formed from distinctly different types of
320 vocalizations, as no experiment was truly replicated in multiple environments. For example, while
321 isolation experiments were conducted by three different teams at separate locations, the specifics
322 of the experiment spanned placing a lone pig in a small pen, a small box, a familiar arena, and an
323 unfamiliar arena. The period of isolation also varied between 3, 5, 8, and 10 minutes.

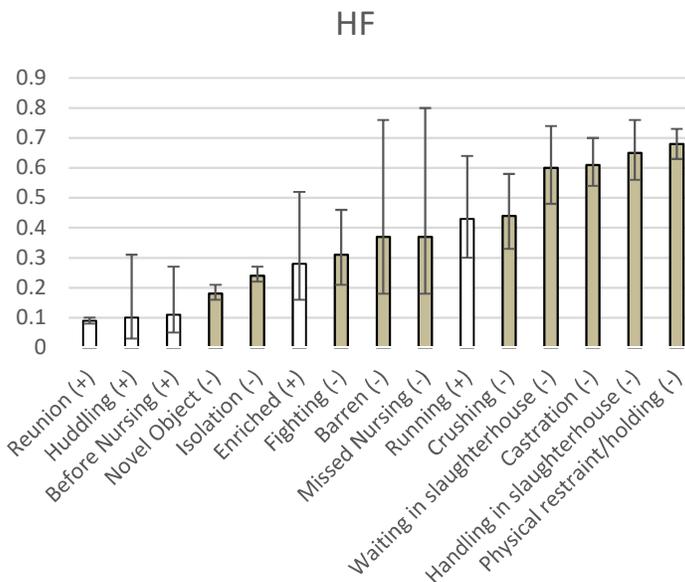
324 To quantitatively check how much the environmental noise of the site and recording team
325 aided the neural network in making classifications, we trained a separate neural network to
326 classify valence and context on only the vocalizations recorded by a given team. We then
327 compared the weighted average of these networks' "within recording team" context or valence
328 classification accuracy to the "across recording teams" accuracies presented in Supplementary
329 Table S3. We used the neural network trained across recording teams to try to predict the class
330 of data from only one recording team at a time, for comparison. The resultant data is given in
331 Tables S3 and S4. While the accuracies of the neural networks trained "within recording team"
332 are higher than the accuracies of the network trained "across recording teams" which then
333 predicts within recording team data, the variation of their accuracies is within a few percent, and
334 the "within recording team" trained neural networks have the great benefit of being trained to
335 classify less data, with fewer classes (in the case of context). While further statistical analysis
336 should be undertaken to fully verify the role of environmental noise in this neural network's
337 classification of pig vocalizations, the cautious conclusion of this assessment is that
338 environmental noise minimally helped the neural network to classify the valence and context of
339 pig vocalizations.

340 As a final note, it can be seen from the t-SNE plots that a few experiments by the
341 recording teams which were designed to record vocalizations from different contexts actually
342 share single clusters. For example, Handling, Restrain, and Waiting recorded by INRA in a
343 slaughterhouse environment are inarguably a single cluster in Figure 2b, and across all other
344 tested perplexities (10-50). The same is the case for NegativeConditioning and
345 PositiveConditioning, recorded by FBN. At first glance this might appear to represent that the
346 neural network recognized these contexts by recording team rather than unique vocalization type.
347 However, the neural network trained only on the set of vocalizations provided by INRA or FBN
348 also had great difficulty distinguishing between their contexts. It is therefore probable that some of
349 the experiments encapsulated in the collaborative dataset may not have been distinct enough to
350 capture truly disparate vocalizations from the animals. This information may be useful to future
351 researchers in devising their experimental protocols.

352 **Supplementary Figures**

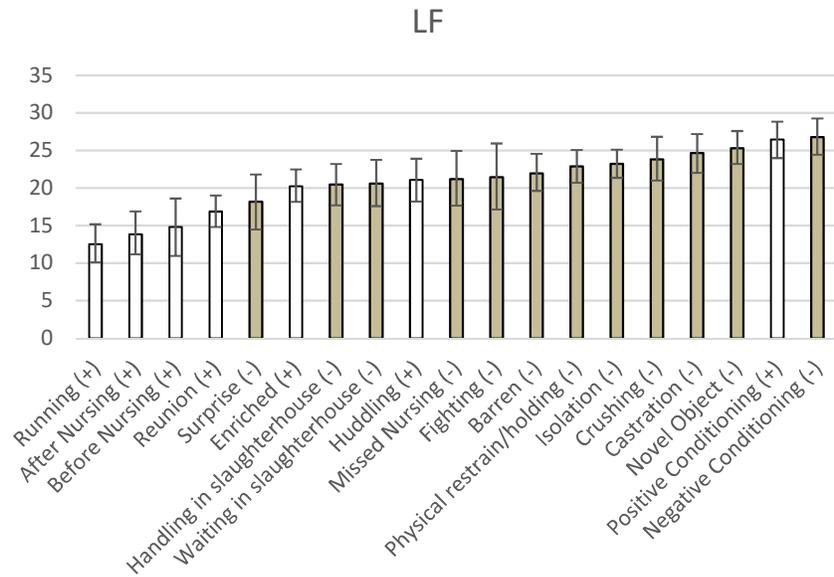


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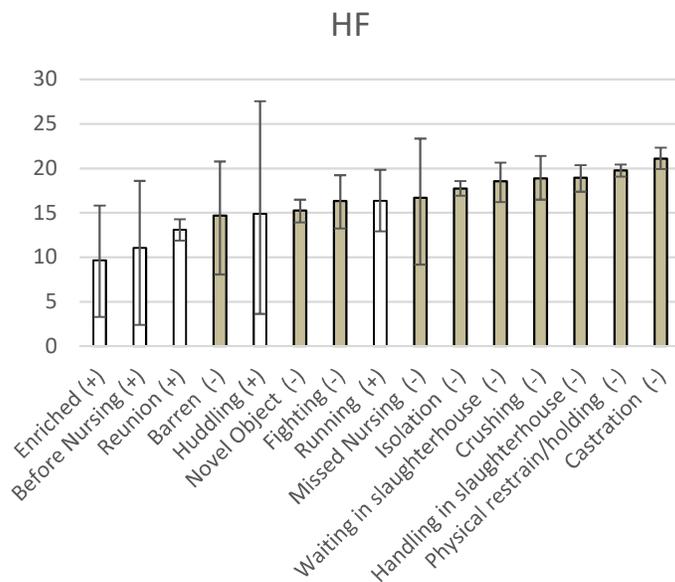


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356 **Supplementary Figure S1. Effect of the context category on the duration (Dur) for low-**
 357 **frequency calls (LF, above) and high-frequency calls (HF, below).** Model estimates, along
 358 with the lower and upper 95% confidence intervals of Dur (s) extracted from linear mixed-effect
 359 models. Context categories (see Supplementary Table S1 for the description of the contexts) are
 360 ordered according to the model estimate values (from the lowest to the highest duration) and the
 361 corresponding assumed valence is indicated in brackets (white (+) = positive; grey (-) = negative).



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Supplementary Figure S2. Effect of the context category on the amplitude modulation rate

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(AmpModRate) for low-frequency calls (LF, above) and high-frequency calls (HF, below).

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Model estimates, along with the lower and upper 95% confidence intervals of AmpModRate (s⁻¹)

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extracted from linear mixed-effect models. Context categories (see Supplementary Table S1 for

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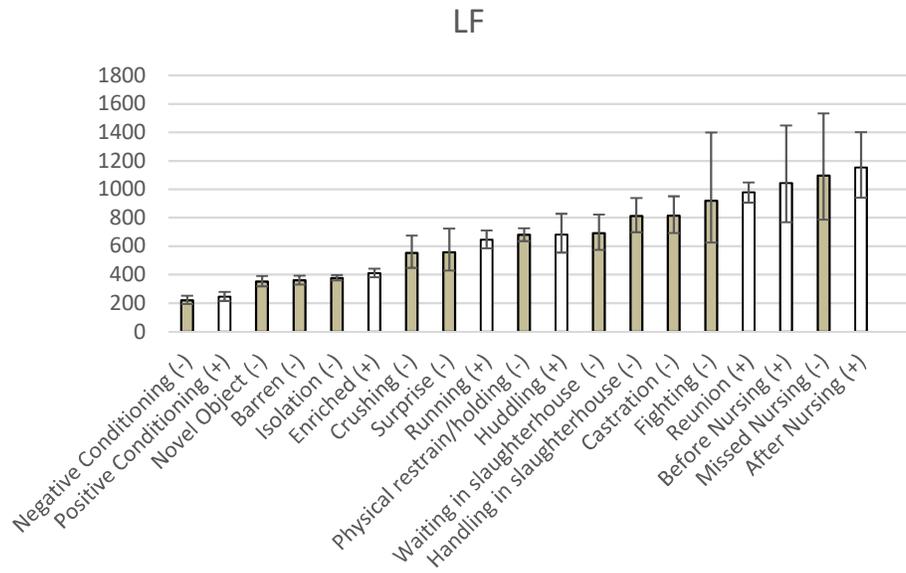
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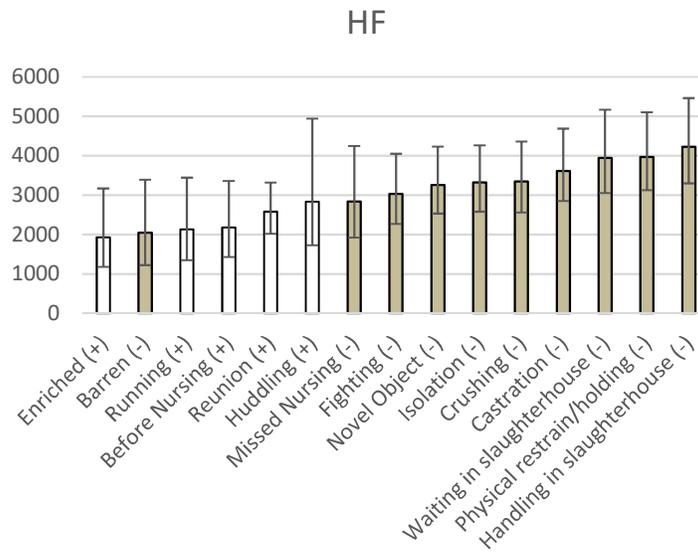
lowest to the highest AmpMod) and the corresponding assumed valence is indicated in brackets

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(white (+) = positive; grey (-) = negative).



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Supplementary Figure S3. Effect of the context category on the spectral centre of gravity

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(Q50%) for low-frequency calls (LF, above) and high-frequency calls (HF, below). Model

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estimates, along with the lower and upper 95% confidence intervals of Q50% (Hz) extracted from

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linear mixed-effect models. Context categories (see Supplementary Table S1 for the description

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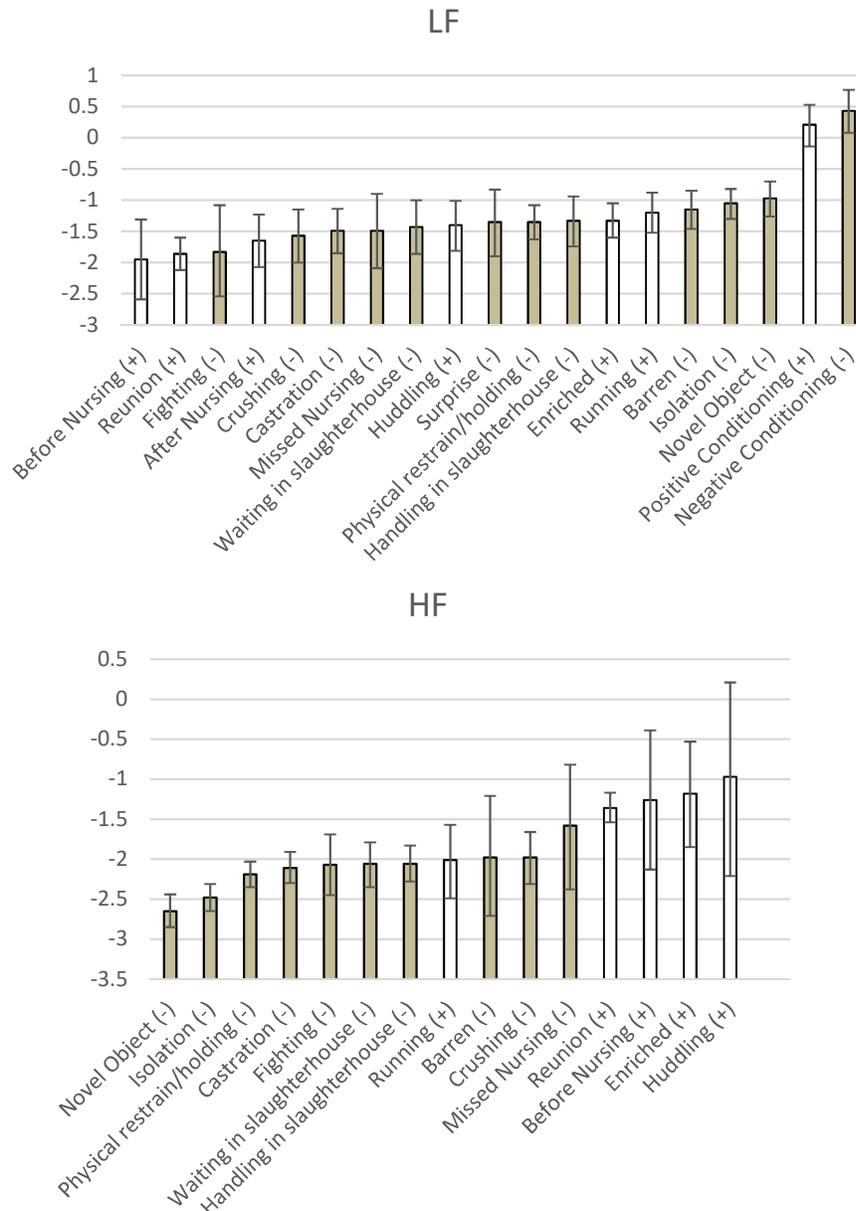
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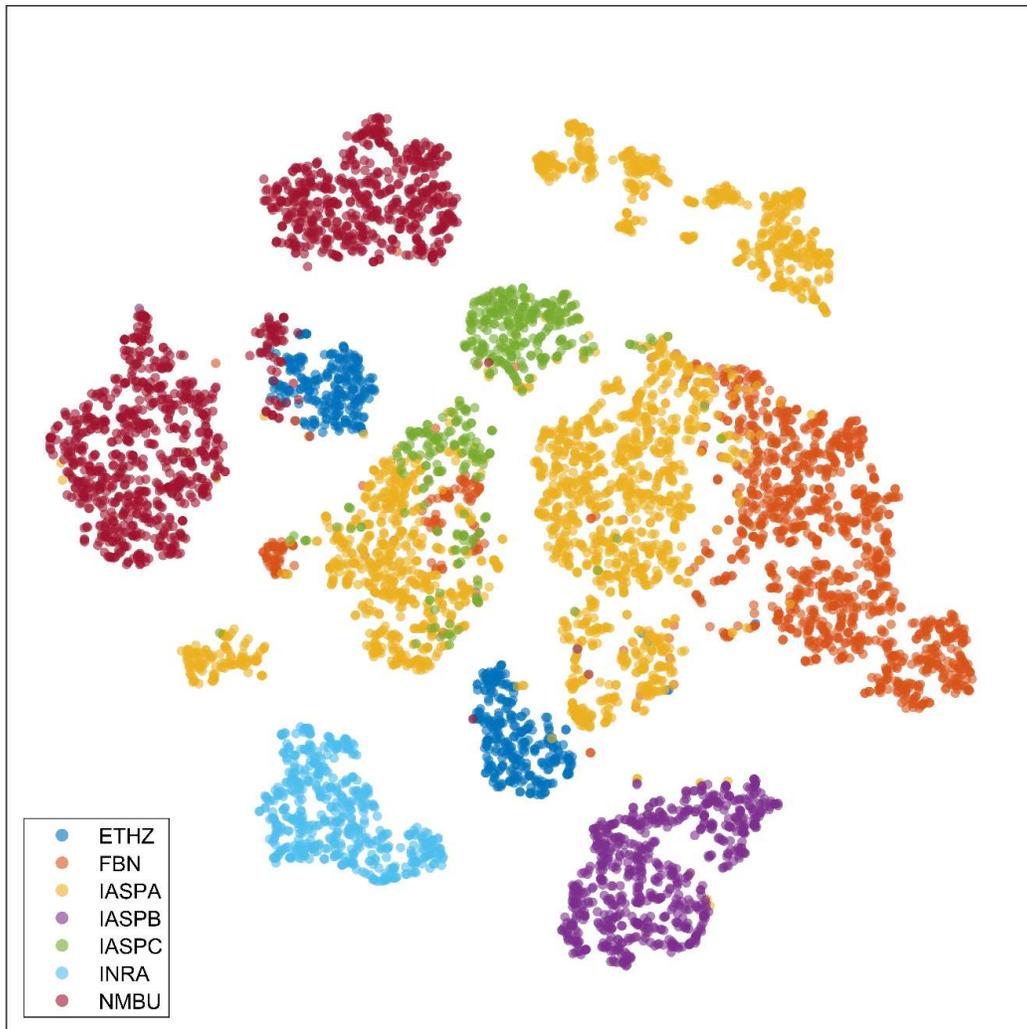
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positive; grey (-) = negative).



380 **Supplementary Figure S4. Effect of the context category on the Wiener entropy**
 381 **(WienEntropy) for low-frequency calls (LF, above) and high-frequency calls (HF, below).**
 382 Model estimates, along with the lower and upper 95% confidence intervals of WienEntropy
 383 extracted from linear mixed-effect models. Context categories (see Supplementary Table S1 for
 384 the description of the contexts) are ordered according to the model estimate values (from the
 385 lowest to the highest value, indicating more noisy calls) and the corresponding assumed valence
 386 is indicated in brackets (white (+) = positive; grey (-) = negative).



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389 **Supplementary Figure S5.** t-SNE embedding of context classifying neural network's last fully
390 connected layer activations for each spectrogram, colored by recording team. This is the same t-
391 SNE embedding as Figure 2b, but the points are colored by the team that recorded the
392 associated vocalization.

393 **Supplementary Tables**

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395 **Supplementary Table S1.** Recording contexts and attributed valence. List of the recording
396 contexts and categories we studied according to their attributed valence, along with the following
397 information: number of calls analysed, number of animals recorded, description of the context,
398 recording unit (i.e. whether the calls could be attributed to each individual ('Ind'), pair or group
399 ('Grp') of pigs), age class (1 = 1-25 days old; 2 = 32-43 days old; 3 ≥ 85 days old), breed (LW x L
400 = Large White x Landrace; GL = German Landrace; TDLZL = Noroc), sex (M = Male; F =
401 Female), recording team (IASP = Institute of Animal Science, Czechia; ETH = ETH Zurich,
402 Switzerland; NMBU = Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway; FBN = Leibniz Institute for
403 Farm Animal Biology, Germany; ETRE/INRAE = Bureau ETRE and French Research Institute for
404 Agriculture, Food and Environment, France), reference providing further details about the
405 recordings (published paper or Supplementary Method section), and original name of the context
406 in the provided reference.

| Assumed valence | Context category | Nb calls | Nb pigs/ pairs/ groups | Context and description | Recording unit | Age class | Breed | Sex | Team | Reference | Original name |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------|--|--|----------------|--|---------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Positive | Huddling | 74 | 11 | Huddling together with littermates | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | ⁵ | Huddling |
| | After Nursing | 79 | 10 | Approaching the head of the mother after nursing | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | ⁵ | After nursing |
| | Enriched | 337 | 39 | Exposition by pair in a familiar enriched arena for 5 min | Ind | 2 | LW | M/F | ETH | ¹² | Positive |
| | | | | Exposition by pair in a familiar enriched arena for 10 min | Pair | 3 | TDLZL | M/F | NMBU | Sup Text | NA |
| | Positive Conditioning Before Nursing | 119 | 20 | Exposition alone to a positively conditioned (familiar) arena for 10 min | Ind | 2 | GL | F | FBN | ¹³ | Positive conditioning Before nursing |
| | | | | Approaching the head of the mother before nursing | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | ⁵ | NA |
| | Reunion | 945 | 85 | Reunion with mother and litter mates after 3 min of isolation | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | Sup Text | NA |
| | | | | Reunion with mother and litter mates after 8 min of social isolation | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | Sup Text | NA |
| | | | | Reunion with mother and litter mates after 10 min of social isolation | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | ⁵ | Reunion |
| | Running | 705 | 32 | Running by pair from house pen to a familiar arena | Pair | 3 | TDLZL | M/F | NMBU | Sup Text | NA |
| Running by pair from a familiar arena to house pen | | | | Pair | 3 | TDLZL | M/F | NMBU | Sup Text | NA | |
| Negative | Missed Nursing | 45 | 3 | Struggling to reach teats for nursing | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | ⁵ | Missed nursing |
| | Surprise | 17 | 10 | Being surprised by the arrival of a person | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | ⁵ | Surprise |
| | Barren | 588 | 16 | Exposition by pair in a familiar barren arena for 10 min | Pair | 3 | TDLZL | M/F | NMBU | Sup Text | NA |
| | Novel Object | 333 | 20 | Exposition alone to a novel object in a novel arena for 5 min | Ind | 2 | GL | F | FBN | ¹⁴ | Novel object |
| | Negative Conditioning Isolation | 119 | 20 | Exposition alone to a negatively conditioned (familiar) arena for 10 min | Ind | 2 | GL | F | FBN | ¹³ | Negative conditioning Isolation |
| | | | | 2069 | 159 | Social isolation in a familiar arena for 3 min | Ind | 2 | LW | M/F | ETH |
| | | | | Social isolation in a small box for 3 min | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | Sup Text | NA |
| | | | | Social isolation in a novel arena for 5 min | Ind | 2 | GL | F | FBN | ¹⁴ | Open field |
| | | | | Social isolation in a small box for 8 min | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | Sup Text | NA |
| | | | | Social isolation in a small pen for 10 min | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | ⁵ | Isolation |
| | | | | Social isolation in an arena for 10 min | Ind | 2 | GL | F | FBN | ¹⁴ | Social isolation |
| | Fighting | 57 | 4 | Fighting for teats during nursing | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | ⁵ | Fighting |
| | Crushing | 146 | 10 | Pressed against the floor while laterally lying with both hands to simulate crushing | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | ⁵ | Crushing |
| | Physical restraint/ holding | 1081 | 128 | Restrain in the arms of a stockperson for 1 min | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | ⁵ | Arms of a person |
| | | | | Backtest, i.e. being turned and kept on the back with foreleg and belly held for X min | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M/F | IASP | ¹ | Backtest |
| | | | | Sham castration, i.e. being restrained but the incision is not done, only simulated with blunt side of scalpel | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M | IASP | Sup Text | NA |
| | | | | Sham fixation as during castration | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M | IASP | Sup Text | NA |
| | | | | Introduction into the restraining device of the slaughterhouse | Grp | 3 | Unknown | M/F | ETRE/ INRAE | Sup Text | NA |
| | | | | Restraint with help of a dog harness in a restraint stand for 5 min | Ind | 2 | GL | M | FBN | ¹⁵ | Restraint |
| | Castration | 295 | 23 | Castration without <i>anaesthetics</i> (being held and cut by a stockperson) | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M | IASP | ⁵ | Castration |
| | | | | Cutting | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M | IASP | Sup Text | NA |
| | | | | Fixing | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M | IASP | Sup Text | NA |
| | | | | Shearing | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M | IASP | Sup Text | NA |
| | | | | Treating | Ind | 1 | LW X L | M | IASP | Sup Text | NA |
| | Handling in slaughterhouse | 301 | 19 | Painful handling in slaughterhouse, i.e. handling in an individual slaughter corridor using an electrical prod by an unfamiliar human | Grp | 3 | unknown | M/F | ETRE/ INRAE | Sup Text | NA |
| | | | | Not painful handling in slaughterhouse, i.e. handling in an individual slaughter corridor using voice and/or hand by an unfamiliar human | Grp | 3 | unknown | M/F | ETRE/ INRAE | Sup Text | NA |
| Waiting in slaughterhouse | 78 | 13 | Waiting in an individual slaughter corridor without human presence | Grp | 3 | unknown | M/F | ETRE/ INRAE | Sup Text | NA | |

408 **Supplementary Table S2.** Number of calls of each type (LF = low-frequency calls; HF = high-
 409 frequency calls) used for the analyses, according to the attributed valence and context category
 410 (see Supplementary Table S1 for the description of the contexts).

| Attributed valence | Context category | Call Type | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | LF | HF | TOTAL |
| Positive | Huddling | 73 | 1 | 74 |
| | After Nursing | 74 | 5 | 79 |
| | Enriched | 333 | 4 | 337 |
| | Positive Conditioning | 119 | 0 | 119 |
| | Before Nursing | 23 | 3 | 26 |
| | Reunion | 750 | 195 | 945 |
| | Run from and to an arena | 688 | 17 | 705 |
| | Total | 2060 | 225 | 2285 |
| Negative | Missed Nursing | 42 | 3 | 45 |
| | Surprise | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| | Barren | 584 | 4 | 588 |
| | Novel Object | 206 | 127 | 333 |
| | Negative Conditioning | 119 | 0 | 119 |
| | Isolation | 1699 | 370 | 2069 |
| | Fighting | 21 | 36 | 57 |
| | Crushing | 78 | 68 | 146 |
| | Physical restrain/holding | 468 | 613 | 1081 |
| | Castration without anesthetics | 58 | 237 | 295 |
| | Handling in slaughterhouse | 120 | 181 | 301 |
| | Waiting in slaughterhouse | 41 | 37 | 78 |
| | Total | 3453 | 1676 | 5129 |

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412 **Supplementary Table S3. Selection of the acoustic parameters.** Loadings of the acoustic
413 parameters (see Table 1 for the parameter abbreviation and description) on the principal
414 components (PCs) with an eigenvalue greater than 1, extracted from the Principal Component
415 Analyses carried out on each call type separately (LF = low-frequency calls; HF = high-frequency
416 calls). For each PC and each category of parameters, the highest loading among loadings with r
417 ≥ 0.5 is indicated in bold. For the categories containing several parameters, the parameter
418 selected for further analyses (indicated in bold) was the one obtaining the highest loading the
419 most often across PCs and call types.
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| | Parameter | LF | | | | HF | | |
|----------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | PC1 | PC2 | PC3 | PC4 | PC1 | PC2 | PC3 |
| Duration | Dur | 0.407 | -0.273 | -0.681 | 0.092 | 0.163 | -0.726 | 0.010 |
| AM | AMVar | 0.059 | 0.407 | -0.755 | -0.309 | 0.533 | 0.475 | -0.013 |
| | AMRate | 0.629 | -0.451 | -0.433 | 0.202 | -0.284 | -0.773 | -0.266 |
| | AMExtent | -0.504 | 0.680 | -0.159 | -0.296 | 0.350 | 0.768 | 0.249 |
| Spectrum | Q25 | -0.855 | 0.099 | -0.200 | 0.282 | 0.835 | -0.275 | 0.223 |
| | Q50 | -0.910 | -0.158 | -0.117 | 0.235 | 0.880 | -0.256 | 0.253 |
| | Q75 | -0.759 | -0.512 | 0.016 | -0.092 | 0.784 | -0.223 | 0.116 |
| | Fpeak | -0.706 | 0.144 | -0.249 | 0.424 | 0.731 | -0.196 | 0.254 |
| Noise | Harmonicity | -0.288 | -0.182 | -0.022 | -0.685 | 0.577 | 0.153 | -0.709 |
| | WienEntrMean | 0.525 | 0.602 | 0.127 | 0.365 | -0.610 | -0.102 | 0.711 |

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422 **Supplementary Table S4.** Accuracy of CNN classifier (trained on vocalizations from every
423 recording team) when classifying data from only one group at a time. To calculate these statistics,
424 a neural network was trained on the given classification task for 20 epochs. The best accuracy
425 model (as assessed by the validation set) produced during this training session was saved. This
426 process was repeated 10 times for each classification task (valence/context). From the 10 trials,
427 the mean accuracy is listed. The overall accuracy is the weighted average of the accuracies
428 within each site.

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| Recording site | Valence | Context |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ETHZ | 0.860 ± 0.007 | 0.893 ± 0.008 |
| FBN | 0.853 ± 0.008 | 0.623 ± 0.005 |
| IASPA | 0.943 ± 0.005 | 0.878 ± 0.004 |
| IASPB | 0.979 ± 0.004 | 0.983 ± 0.003 |
| IASPC | 0.989 ± 0.004 | 0.662 ± 0.015 |
| INRA | 0.902 ± 0.010 | 0.584 ± 0.015 |
| NMBU | 0.888 ± 0.007 | 0.913 ± 0.005 |
| Total weighted accuracy | 0.913 ± 0.006 | 0.815 ± 0.006 |

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431 **Supplementary Table S5.** Accuracy of CNN classifiers trained on data from only one recording
 432 site. To calculate these accuracies, a neural network was trained on the given classification task
 433 for 20 epochs (e.g. classify the valence or context of calls from ETHZ). The best accuracy model
 434 (as assessed by the validation set) produced during this training session was saved. This process
 435 was repeated 10 times for each classification task (valence/context). From the 10 trials, the mean
 436 accuracy is listed. Some boxes show an accuracy of 1.000 ± 0.000 because there was only a
 437 single class label for the given data (i.e. within IASPB's recordings, the vocalizations were all of
 438 positive valence and reunion context).
 439

| Recording site | Valence | Context |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ETHZ | 0.901 ± 0.006 | 0.907 ± 0.007 |
| FBN | 0.919 ± 0.002 | 0.643 ± 0.005 |
| IASPA | 0.974 ± 0.001 | 0.894 ± 0.003 |
| IASPB | 1.000 ± 0.000 | 1.000 ± 0.000 |
| IASPC | 1.000 ± 0.000 | 0.708 ± 0.012 |
| INRA | 1.000 ± 0.000 | 0.608 ± 0.006 |
| NMBU | 0.940 ± 0.002 | 0.925 ± 0.002 |
| Total weighted accuracy | 0.958 ± 0.002 | 0.833 ± 0.004 |

440 **Dataset S1 (separate file).** Vocal parameters extracted from the calls and used in the linear
441 mixed-effects models and permuted discriminant function.

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