Effect of the visual presence of an experimenter on the maintenance of tonic immobility in domestic chickens (Gallus gallus).

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AB Studied 48 Production Red chickens to assess the importance of the visual presence of an experimenter (E) both during the induction of tonic immobility and during the immobility response itself. Results suggest that it is the visual presence of an E during the immobility response itself, and not during its initiation, that is critical for delaying recovery from immobility. Methodological and theoretical implications are discussed.