

LOOKING FOR A STUDENT ASSISTANT FOR FREE RANGING DOG STUDIES IN MOROCCO

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We are looking for one paid student assistant for our research projects from **January 2022**. The project involves observational and non-invasive experimental work with free-ranging dogs in Morocco (Agadir area). We will investigate the social structure and ecology of packs and physical, cognitive and social skills in both puppies and adult dogs.

Necessary knowledge/experience:

- A bachelor/master degree in biology, veterinary science, psychology or related disciplines
- Excellent collaboration and communication skills
- Experience in working in a research team and/or on the field
- Experience in behavioural data collection
- Proficiency in English
- Basic statistical knowledge
- A driving license (minimum B)
- Proficiency in French and/or Moroccan Arabic (Darija) is not necessary but very welcome

Candidates will be offered:

- A competitive salary (half-time student assistant), based on FWF standards (<https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/personnel-costs>), for one year (following a 3 months probation period).
- Accommodation costs will be covered, but travel and living costs will not. However, living costs are low in Morocco.
- An exciting and attractive research environment
- The possibility to learn: field experiments design and carrying out, video coding, data analysis, project management

Candidates will be required to: live in Morocco throughout the study period; Carry out behavioural observations of dogs for at least 8 hours a day (in hot weather conditions); Carry out field experiments; Collect saliva and hair samples; Code behaviours from videos; Take care of data entry/management; Help coordinating interns/students; Help with communicating with the local population and the local authorities

Projects are supervised by Dr. Giulia Cimorelli, Priv.Do. Dr. Sarah Marshall-Pescini and Prof. Friederike Range.

For application, please send a motivation letter, a CV, and if applicable also a recommendation letter to **Giulia Cimorelli (giulia.cimorelli@vetmeduni.ac.at)**. The deadline is the 15th of November 2021 or until appropriate candidates were found.