

LOOKING FOR STUDENTS/INTERNS FOR FREE RANGING DOG STUDIES IN MOROCCO

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We are looking for students/interns 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. Data collected during the study period could be used for Master theses on the following topics: “temporal consistency of behavioural traits in free-ranging dogs”; “social learning strategies in free-ranging dogs”.

Students will learn:

- Complex behavioural observation methods using different kinds of protocols
- Census techniques
- Field tests of cognitive skills
- Non-invasive hormone, isotope and DNA sample collection
- Video analysis

Candidates will be required to: 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.

Proficiency in English is necessary.

Accommodation costs will be covered, but travel and living costs will not. However, living costs are low in Morocco.

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 30th of October 2021 or until appropriate candidates are found.