

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

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We are looking for students/interns/volunteers for our research projects from **October 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: "Social learning strategies in free-ranging dogs" and "The relationship between temperament traits in street dogs".

Students will learn:

- Behavioural observation methods
- Census techniques
- Field tests of cognitive skills
- Non-invasive hormone and DNA sample collection
- Behavioural analysis from videos

Candidates will be required to: carry out behavioural observations of dogs for at least 6 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 Cimarelli, Priv.Doz. 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 Cimarelli (giulia.cimarelli@vetmeduni.ac.at)**. The call is open until appropriate candidates are found.