

Postdoctoral Fellow position at the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna

We are seeking a Postdoctoral Fellow to investigate **animals' understanding of their partner's role in cooperative economic games** at the Wolf Science Center (Domestication Lab, Konrad Lorenz Institute of Ethology, University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna, Vienna, Austria). The position is part of a project funded by the Austrian Science Fund and available for 2.5 years.

Using games derived from experimental economics (e.g. the Assurance game), we will explore how far the dogs' and wolves' decisions are based on an understanding of the partner's role during cooperative interactions. The successful candidate is expected to design, conduct and direct research projects and publish results in peer-reviewed journals in close collaboration with Assistant Prof. Dr. Range, Prof. Dr. Brosnan and other collaborators on the project. Furthermore, the candidate is expected to participate in the supervision of a PhD student already employed in the current project and collaborate and support already ongoing projects in our teams.

Profile:

- PhD in Biology, Veterinary Medicine or Psychology
- A genuine understanding of animal cognition
- Experience in conducting research projects on cognition and/or social behavior
- Documented publication activity in peer-reviewed journals
- Excellent command of written and verbal English language
- Good communication skills

Beneficial, but not mandatory

- Practical skills in animal training techniques and in empirical work with dogs
- Experience in co-supervision of students

Although the project is based at the **Konrad Lorenz Institute of Ethology** (at the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna), the research will be conducted both at the Wolf Science Center (www.wolfscience.at) and the Clever Dog Lab (www.cleverdoglab.at), where an international team of students and researchers studies the cognition and behaviour of canines.

Application: Materials including a letter of application, CV, a summary of research experience, copies of any published or in-press papers, and two letters of recommendation should be sent to Friederike Range by email (friederike.range@vetmeduni.ac.at) by 30.11.2018. The position is for 2.5 years; starting date: latest 1st March 2019. Salaries are according to the standards of Austrian basic science funds.

The University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna promotes the employment of women in fields of work in which they are underrepresented and therefore encourages qualified women to apply to this opening.