

As part of my masters in Wild Animal Health held by the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) and the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), United Kingdom, I did my master's thesis on the "Genetic diversity and population structure of *Angiostrongylus vasorum* parasites within and between local urban foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*)", which has been recently published in the Journal of Veterinary Parasitology

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0304401718303285?dgcid=rss_sd_all.

Thanks to the funding from Vetwork UK, ZSL and RVC I was able to complete my thesis, and also present my results at the 11th International Conference on behaviour, physiology and genetics of wildlife. It was my first time presenting a short talk at an international conference, and it was a really good experience; it is always rewarding being able to share your work with a wider audience. As I really enjoyed doing research for my master's thesis, I decided I wanted to pursue a PhD. The experience achieved during my masters helped me getting into a PhD involving wildlife diseases in parrots in Australia, which I have recently started.

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