

## Companion Animal Behavior and Welfare PhD - Open Position

Dr. Anastasia Stellato, in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences at Texas Tech University, is currently seeking a PhD student, with expected start date Fall 2022.

### POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The PhD student will be expected to take a leadership role in their [Animal Science](#) research program within the [Human-Animal Interaction Lab](#). The PhD student will lead canine welfare research that aims to evaluate the influence of human-animal interactions on the behavior and welfare of companion animals, and to identify ways to prevent and reduce animal stress. General responsibilities will include: organizing, coordinating and conducting experiments, coordinating with dog owners/shelters, supervising research assistants, data collection and management, data analyses, and manuscript writing.

The ideal candidate has strong interpersonal skills, formal training conducting applied animal behavior research, a strong research background with publication(s), and the ability to work well independently and as part of a team.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum of a Master's degree in animal science, animal welfare, applied ethology, animal biology, or related field
- Strong leadership skills
- Ability to supervise and mentor research assistants
- Ability to organize and coordinate research projects
- Knowledge and skills working with Microsoft suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- Knowledge and skills working with statistical programs, such as STATA, SAS, or R.

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Interest and experience working with dogs (e.g., handling experience)
- Interest and/or experience in animal welfare science
- Experience coding behavior (e.g., using Noldus Observer software) from video recordings (considered an asset, but not required)

### POSITION AVAILABLE:

The start date for this appointment is Fall 2022.

### FUNDING:

Stipend support is available, with expectations that students will seek additional scholarship opportunities.

### TO APPLY:

Applicants should submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae to Dr. Anastasia Stellato ([Anastasia.stellato@ttu.edu](mailto:Anastasia.stellato@ttu.edu)). Applicants should also provide contact information for two references.



*The Human-Animal Interaction Lab is committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse environment; all students are encouraged to apply.*