

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Azzurra Santoro



## POSITION

DVM, PhD candidate, specialization student.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 01/01/2018–Present Specialization School "Animal Health, Breeding Zootecnical Production"  
University of Camerino, School of Biosciences and Veterinary Medicine, Matelica (Italy)
- 01/11/2014–31/10/2017 PhD "Health and Experimental Veterinary Science" (dissertation: 22/03/2018)  
Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Perugia, Perugia (Italy), Perugia (Italia)  
• Molecular and epidemiological aspects of *Toxoplasma gondii* in wild and domestic animals;  
• Molecular epidemiology of *Cryptosporidium* spp. in cattle;  
• Molecular epidemiology of *Cytauxzoon* spp. in wild and domestic felids;  
• Feline trichomoniasis.
- 17/10/2016–17/04/2017 Traineeship "PaREst – Parasitological Research in Estonia"  
Estonian University of Life Sciences, Tartu (Estonia)
- 01/03/2015–31/05/2015 Molecular Biology academic course  
Department of Chemistry, Biology and Biotechnologies, University of Perugia, Perugia (Italy)
- 05/2013–01/2014 Student Internship in the Division of Parasitology and Parasitic Diseases  
Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Perugia, Perugia (Italy)
- 09/2013–04/2014 Student Internship in the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases  
Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Perugia, Perugia (Italy)
- 19/07/2014 Veterinarian, licensed for Veterinary Practice in Italy.  
University of Perugia, Perugia (Italy)

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italian







- Bioinformatic Methods (elearning course, Coursera Platform), University of Toronto, 21/12/2017-present
- Training school "Molecular methods used for foodborne parasite diagnostics in different matrices" – Cost Action promoted by EUROFBP (FA1408), Instituto Superior Técnico, Lisbon, Portugal, 3-7/09/2017
- GIS Open Source (QGIS) base course for georeferencing, Istituto TerreLogiche, Milan, 18-20/11/2015

## Publications

1. **Seroprevalence of *Toxoplasma gondii* in wild and captive raptors from Northern Italy** (2018). Gazzonis A.L., Zanzani S.A., Santoro A., Veronesi F., Olivieri E., Villa L., Lubian E., Lovati S., Bottura F., Epis S., Manfredi M.T., *submitted*.
2. ***Toxoplasma gondii* seroprevalence in breeding pigs in Estonia** (2017). Santoro A., Tagel M., Must K., Laine M., Lassen B., Jokelainen P. *Acta Vet Scand*, 59 (82).
3. **Sequence variation in the B1 gene among *Toxoplasma gondii* isolates from swine and cats in Italy** (2017). Santoro A., Veronesi F., Milardi G.L., Ranucci D., Branciani R., Diaferia M., Gabrielli S. *Res Vet Sci*, 115:353-5.
4. **Detection of *Toxoplasma gondii* in faeces of privately owned cats using two PCR assays targeting the B1 gene and the 529-bp repetitive element** (2017). Veronesi F., Santoro A., Milardi G.L., Diaferia M., Morganti G., Ranucci D., Gabrielli S. *Parasitol Res*. 116(3):1063-9.
5. **Comparison of PCR assays targeting the multi-copy targets B1 gene and 529 bp repetitive element for detection of *Toxoplasma gondii* in swine muscle** (2017). Veronesi F., Santoro A., Milardi G.L., Diaferia M., Branciani R., Miraglia D., Cioffi A., Gabrielli S., Ranucci D. *Food Microbiol*, 63:213-6.
6. **Cross-sectional survey on *Tritrichomonas foetus* infection in Italian cats** (2016). Veronesi F., Gazzonis A.L., Napoli E., Brianti E., Santoro A., Zanzani S.A., Olivieri E., Diaferia M., Giannetto S., Pennisi M.G., Manfredi M.T. *Vet Parasitol*, 6, 14-9.
7. **Enteric protozoan infections in kittens affected by intestinal disorders: A cross sectional survey in Umbria region** (2016). Santoro A., Morganti G., Diaferia M., Olivieri E., Ridolfi M., Veronesi F. *Veterinaria*, 30(5).
8. **First detection of *Cytauxzoon* spp. infection in European wildcats (*Felis silvestris silvestris*) of Italy** (2016). Veronesi F., Ravagnan S., Cerquetella M., Carli E., Olivieri E., Santoro A., Pesaro S., Berardi S., Rossi G., Ragni B., Beraldo P., Capelli G. *Ticks Tick Borne Dis*, 7(5):853-8.

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