CURRICULUM VITAE GIORGIA DELLA ROCCA (ENG)

Giorgia della Rocca, graduated with honors in Perugia in 1989, obtained two years later (1991) the position as Researcher for the scientific-disciplinary sector "Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology" (VET07) at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Perugia. With this role, she has dealt with various research issues, mainly focused on residual problems in aquaculture. In 2005 she was appointed Associate Professor for the same scientific-disciplinary sector (VET07) at the Department of Pathology, Diagnostics and Veterinary Clinic (now Department of Veterinary Medicine), a role that is still held today.

Since 2007 she has directed her research in the field of pain therapy in domestic animals, with particular reference to the pathophysiological mechanisms underlying the establishment of pain syndromes and the related therapeutic approaches, in the course of both acute and chronic pain.

She is the founding member and the Scientific Director of CeRiDA (Research Center on Animal Pain), established in 2009 at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (now Department of Veterinary Medicine) of the University of Perugia. In this capacity, she is responsible for: 1) promoting and coordinating research activities, mainly aimed at the recognition of pain (identification and improvement of diagnostic tools) and the treatment of various pain conditions (evaluation of kinetic profiles, efficacy and safety of analgesic drugs) in different animal species of veterinary interest; 2) organizing training events within the Degree Course in Veterinary Medicine (for students) and post-graduate courses (for doctors and veterinary technicians), both concerning various aspects related to animal pain.

She is the founder and coordinator of the Veterinary Algology Study Group (ALGOVET), established in 2014 within SCIVAC (Società Culturale Italiana Veterinari Animali da Compagnia) and "promoted" in 2021 to the Italian Society of Veterinary Algology and Palliative Care (SIAlgovet) with the aim of organizing and carrying out post-graduate training events on animal pain.

She is a member of the IVAPM (International Academy of Veterinary Pain Management) of which, in the four-year period 2011-2014, she served on the Board of Directors.

Speaker in numerous post-graduate courses, she is author and/or co-author of over 100 scientific publications published in Italian and foreign scientific journals or presented at National and International conferences, as well as of 4 text books on veterinary pain management and palliative care.

From 1994 to date, she has carried out many teaching activities, both as a teaching lecturer and as teaching manager, related to numerous courses belonging to her scientific-disciplinary field, in the context of specialized and three-year degree courses, university masters courses and specialization courses, all set up at the University of Perugia or at other Italian Universities.

The disciplines covered by teaching activities are (or have been): "veterinary pharmacology", "veterinary toxicology", "toxicology applied to animal production", "ecotoxicology", "pharmacovigilance and pharmacosurveillance", "pain therapy", "non-conventional medicine" and "palliative and hospice therapies ".

Within the aforementioned courses, also thanks to her interest and her participation as a learner in courses on "Didactic and communication strategies" and "Teaching pedagogy", she always tried to insert, within the theoretical, supervised or practical lessons of her courses, innovative teaching techniques, such as the use of personal responder systems, role-playing games, case discussions, etc.

Extremely motivated by teaching, she has always tried to transmit her knowledge with enthusiasm and passion.