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Education:

- PhD student in Animal and Food Science (2023 -)
- Graduate School of Farming, Hygiene, Pathology of Aquatic Species and Control of Derived Products (2023)
- Master's degree in Veterinary Medicine (2018)

Research areas:

- Rabbit farming alternative systems
- Animal Welfare
- Veterinary Virology

Brief description of Ph.D project:

The PhD research project aims to test alternative management methods for breeding does under controlled conditions, and to evaluate with a broader perspective the general welfare status of rabbit farms in Italy by the elaboration of official control data.

Therefore, the research project will focus on:

- collection of data on the behavior, health and welfare of breeding female rabbits and their litters under controlled condition and comparing different experimental factors in order to evaluate strategies that can be more respectful of the welfare and ethology of these animals;

- processing of preexisting data (video recordings) of behavior of rabbit breeding females obtained in previous trials conducted at the experimental farm of the University of Padua;
- processing data derived from the application of the welfare protocol for the official control on rabbit farms in Italy by veterinary inspectors, thanks to the collaboration with the National Reference Center for Animal Welfare, with the general aim to check the strengths and weaknesses of the protocol, identify positive indicators to be used for on farm evaluation and have an overview of the welfare condition of rabbit farms.

Supervisor:

Professor Angela Trocino

Publications: Google scholar link

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=MrH7r3AAAAAJ&hl=it>