

ICALP receives the first Industrial Doctorate (AGAUR) of the School of Law

Through the final 2019 AGAUR call, the ICALP has welcomed an Industrial Doctoral Student, Laure Gisie, who is also the first-ever industrial doctoral student at the UAB School of Law. This new collaboration has allowed the ICALP to work closely with both the doctoral student and the SOS GALGOS Association since the 1st of July 2020.

I. The objectives of the Industrial Doctorate

The Industrial Doctorate Plan of the *Generalitat de Catalunya* aims to support the competitiveness and internationalization of Catalan industry, strengthen the instruments to capture the talent that the country generates and place future doctors in a position to develop projects in a structure (company, association, foundation, etc.).

The central element of the industrial doctorate is the research project of the company or institution in which the doctoral student develops his research training in collaboration with a university or research center. This research project is the subject of a doctoral thesis.



Source : <http://doctoratsindustrials.gencat.cat/>

* First visit of SOS GALGOS at ICALP. July 2019. From right to left (Dr. Teresa GIMENEZ-CANDELA, Anna CLEMENTS, Miguel GOMEZ)

For the ICALP, the Industrial Doctorate Plan allows for several benefits. Thanks to the Plan, the ICALP can train a researcher to solve complex legal issues with demanding quality requirements.

The Plan also makes it possible for the ICALP to strengthen its relationships with associations. Regarding SOS Galgos specifically, the Plan is an opportunity to support the association in overcoming the challenges they face in their goal of improving the condition of galgos in Spain. As such, the plan creates bridges of collaboration with scientists that can be strategic allies in their goal of supporting the well-being of dogs.



II. The project: a thesis on the legal regulation of galgos

This Research Project is a novel study of the legal situation and regulation for the protection of Spanish greyhounds in Spain. For this research to provide valid and valuable results, a global comparative approach will be used.

Galgos are currently being used in two major and most lucrative of leisure activities, hunting and racing.

The European Courts recognizes that “animal welfare is an EU value” and current Eurobarometer data suggests that European citizens are now more than ever concerned with animal welfare. Despite this, Spanish greyhounds have not yet received adequate legal protection.

As a result, galgos are subjected to abuse and mistreatment, doping or inadequate transport and long hours of activity. Every year in Spain, tens of thousands of galgos are hanged or thrown into wells and gutters as



hunting waste. This situation goes directly against the internationally recognized welfare standards that the EU has established over 40 years of legislation on Animal Welfare, both for production animals, laboratory animal and wild birds.

However, galgos are not included in these standards, despite these standards being mandatory for all member states. Indeed, as established in art. 13 TFEU, all member states must accommodate their internal laws to the principles established by the Animal Welfare sciences that all animals are “sentient beings”.

The collaborative research carried out between SOS Galgos, the ICALP and the doctoral student aims to evaluate the inadequacies presented above and address them in a rigorous, scientifically proven and Law-compliant way.

III. A legal work carried out by 3 specialized entities in the animal field

a) The ICALP



Fuente : <https://www.derechoanimal.info/en/icalp>

The ICALP, created by the Government Council of the Autonomous University of Barcelona on November 12, 2015 (Acord 91/2015) is the first interdisciplinary, interdepartmental and international Center that

structurally integrates the Social Sciences, the Humanities, Health Sciences and Animal Welfare Sciences.

One of ICALP’s missions is to train doctoral students and professionals in animal protection, and improve the conditions of animals.

b) The SOS Galgos Association

The SOS Galgos association is a non-profit organization founded in 2000 in Esplugues, Barcelona and dedicated to the rescue and protection of galgos.

On the association’s website¹, it is stated that SOS Galgos aims to help Spanish greyhounds in needs by rescuing them and organizing their adoption, promote legal changes, improve the level of protection of companion animals and educate people about the fate of galgos.

SOS Galgos wants to promote the education of humans towards animals to change society. This represents a commitment to empathy, to encourage compassion for suffering and active participation in changing the things we do not like about the world around us.

SOS Galgos endorses a mission of getting galgos to schools throughout Spain, to promote solidarity and sensitivity. The educational workshops organized by SOS Galgos are events that address topics such as: the importance and function of the microchip through a role



playing that starts with a Spanish greyhound that gets lost; the galgos problem; the reason for the saturation in the kennels; why choose to adopt and not buy; the cost in time and money of owning an animal; the importance of sterilization; how to interpret the body language of dogs. They also organize workshops with the Local Police of Esplugues de Llobregat.



SOS GALGOS

Source : <https://www.sosgalgos.com/inicio/>

c) The doctoral student

Laure Gisie is an industrial doctoral student specialized in Animal Rights. She is very involved in the field of Animal

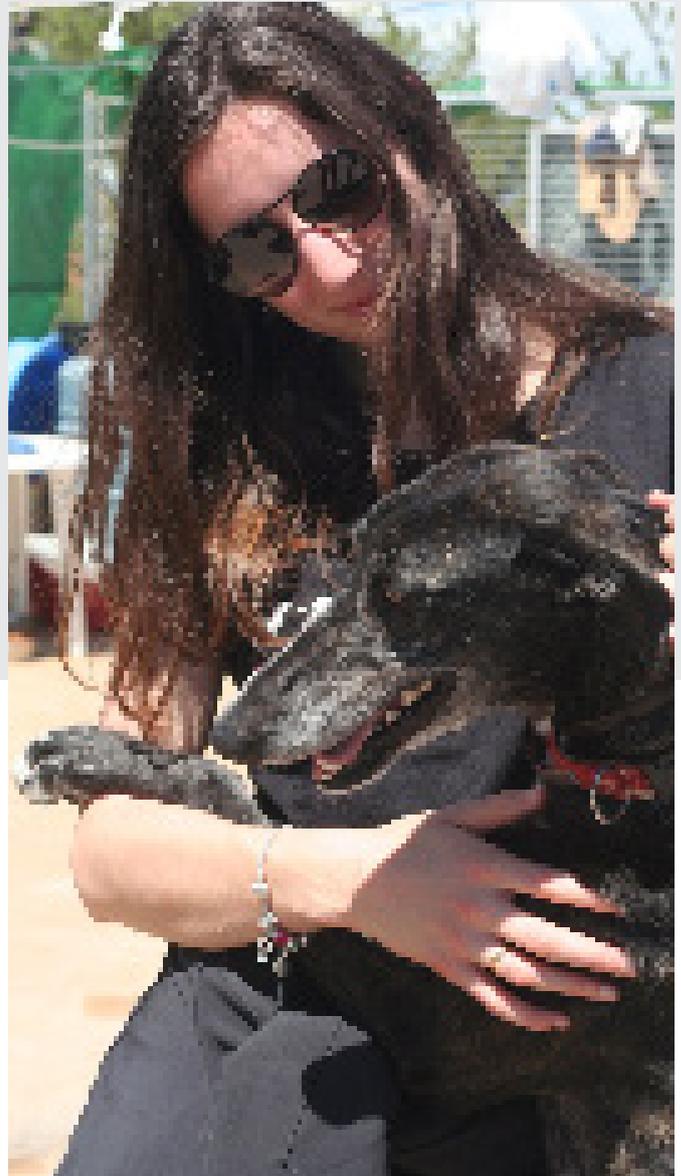
¹ <https://www.sosgalgos.com/sos-galgos/quienes-somos/objetivos/>

Rights. She graduated in Franco-Spanish International Law at the University of Lyon II Lumière and the University of Alcalá de Henares. In 2017, she obtained his Master's Degree in Animal Law and Society and has prepared a Master's Final Project on the legal treatment of galgos. In 2018 at the University of Toulouse Capitole 1, Laure obtained a Master in Private Law and in 2019 at the University of Strasbourg she obtained a Master's in Environmental, Territorial and Risk Law and followed a university course on the Sciences of "Pollution".

She has had multiple professional experiences in the legal field, especially in law firms

ICALP is delighted with this collaboration and the award of the industrial doctorate as this will allow us to dedicate the next three years to using our legal expertise to help the

galgos used in Spain for hunting and racing. It is a work of great legal and social importance and a pioneer in filling a gap in current legislation which will undoubtedly serve as a standard for the treatment of galgos globally.



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El tratamiento de los Animales se contempla a día de hoy como un espacio holístico de estudio y acción, pero no hay demasiados ejemplos de verdadera cooperación científica organizada, salvo el que, desde hace años venimos practicando en la UAB y esfera UAB algunos profesionales del Derecho, Veterinaria, Ciencias Clásicas, Ciencias de la Salud, Sociología, Biodiversidad. De ahí la coherencia de la creación del ICALP (International Center for Animal Law and Policy).