Internship opportunity
Animal behaviour and physiology

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Place of internship: Aarhus University, Foulum campus – Blichers Allé 20, Postbox 50, DK-8830 Tjele and local commercial pig farm
Internship duration: June – November 2020 (flexible)

Internship title: Recording pain in castrated piglets: affective states as potential indicators
Internship summary: This position integrates into a large ministry project, involving a PhD study focused on the multimodal recording of pain in newborn piglets, following the application of various local anesthesia procedures before castration. The overall objective of the project is to get insights on the painful experience of piglets during castration while participating in improving anesthesia procedures. This large-scale study will take place in a Danish commercial pig farm and involve more than 1000 piglets. The student will participate in the development of the experiments and play an important role in collecting data regarding behavioral measures reflecting piglets’ affective states post-castration. The student will also have the opportunity to analyze data and write a report – if necessary. The student will ideally have a background in animal science, biology or veterinary science, show good communication skills in English, and be able to work independently as much as part of a group. Behavioural analysis also require patience and great rigor. Driving license is an advantage.

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