

Master Thesis - Effects of ageing on learning abilities in small mammals



In this project, we aim at investigating the effects of ageing on learning speed and flexibility in small mammals. While individual differences in behaviour are defined as “consistent over time and across contexts”, cognitive abilities are subject to the effects of ageing. Previous studies have demonstrated how personality and cognitive strategies are linked, but not much is known about the effects of ageing on the cognitive abilities of different behavioural types in short-lived species.

The project involves the refining of experimental set-up, behavioural observations, habituation and training of the animals and data collection.

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