Camila Gómez López

MS Student

Camila Gómez López was born in Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia. From an early age, Camila felt privileged to grow up in the countryside, surrounded by animals. During her childhood, Camila would visit her father's farm where she developed an interest in working with animals and a passion that led to her studying animal science at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, in Medellín, from which she graduated in 2022. Camila's experiences during her undergraduate studies were enhanced with opportunities to work with various livestock production systems, such as poultry and swine, as well as wild animals. As an intern at the Attention and Conservation Center in Medellín, Camila was responsible for the feeding and care of newborn wild animals. In 2021, Camila was invited to complete an internship at the University of Florida, North Florida Research and Education Center in Marianna, Florida, which was her first experience working with cattle. During her time in Marianna, Camila worked on multiple research projects and learned to manage cattle, collect various samples in the field, process samples in the laboratory, and increased her proficiency in English. Camila's hard work and attention to detail were so impressive, she was invited to return in 2022 for a second internship while waiting for a graduate research position to become available. As a result of her patience, Camila was invited to pursue a MS degree in animal science with Dr. Nicolás DiLorenzo. Her current project focuses on evaluating internal and external dewormers and their subsequent effects on methane production. Camila believes that a holistic approach to life will provide a more satisfying career path, which is why she is open to any knowledge and opportunities that arise. Camila's goal is to become a professor, where she hopes to inspire students to develop skills in research, as well as encourage them to embrace challenges and opportunities, which can boost competitiveness and enhance their quality of life.