**S4 Text. Summary of Faunal remains**

A summary of faunal remains identified at the sites studied in this research (Palazzo Bonagia [1,2]; the Gancia Church [1,2]; Castello San Pietro [3] and Casale San Pietro [3] . These are presented in terms of number of identified species (NISP) and percentage of number of identified species (%NISP) and reference to the original studies that analysed these samples is cited.

Table S3.1 Summary of faunal remains at Palazzo Bonagia (PB) reported as number of identified species (NISP) and % NISP

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| **Species** | **NISP** | **%NISP** | **Reference to original study** |
| Caprines | 652 | 65.26 | [1,2] |
| Cattle | 207 | 20.74 |
| Pig | 8 | 0.8 |
| Chicken | 15 | 1.5 |
| Horse | 14 | 1.4 |
| Deer | 7 | 0.7 |
| Tuna | 16 | 1.6 |
| Dog | 21 | 2.1 |
| Cat | 3 | 0.3 |
| Rat | 2 | 0.2 |
| Total | 998 |  |

Table S3.2 Summary of faunal remains at the Gancia Church (GA) reported as number of identified species (NISP) and % NISP

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| **Species** | **NISP** | **%NISP** | **Reference to original study** |
| Caprines | 2258 | 71.21 | [1,2] |
| Cattle | 404 | 12.74 |
| Pig | 51 | 1.61 |
| Chicken | 145 | 4.57 |
| Horse | 46 | 1.45 |
| Deer | 14 | 0.44 |
| Tuna | 88 | 2.77 |
| Other birds | 50 | 1.59 |
| Dog | 17 | 0.54 |
| Cat | 15 | 0.47 |
| Fox | 3 | 0.09 |
| Total | 3171 |  |

Table S3.3 Summary of faunal remains at Castello San Pietro (CSP) reported as number of identified species (NISP) and % NISP

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| **Species** | **NISP** | **%NISP** | **Reference to original study** |
| Caprines | 231 | 60.4712 | [3] |
| Cattle | 47 | 12.30366 |
| Pig | 56 | 14.65969 |
| Chicken | 18 | 4.712042 |
| Horse | 1 | 0.26178 |
| Tuna | 10 | 2.617801 |
| Dog | 2 | 0.52356 |
| Cat | 3 | 0.78534 |
| Total | 382 |  |

Table S3.4 Summary of faunal remains at Casale San Pietro (CLESP) reported as number of identified species (NISP) and % NISP

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| **Species** | **NISP** | **%NISP** | **Reference to original study** |
| Caprines | 69 | 35.9375 | [3] |
| Cattle | 23 | 11.97917 |
| Pig | 62 | 32.29167 |
| Chicken | 1 | 0.520833 |
| Horse | 14 | 7.291667 |
| Deer | 8 | 4.166667 |
| Tuna | 4 | 2.083333 |
| Dog | 21 | 10.9375 |
| Total | 192 |  |

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