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## Research interests

My primary research interests revolve around animal welfare and use of environmental enrichment in captive settings. The latter was a main focus of my postgraduate and undergraduate theses, in which I explored the efficacy of olfactory and auditory stimulation on the behaviour of shelter dogs. This resulted in an interest towards methods used to optimise adoption and rehoming efforts within rescue shelters, and strategies to reduce stress in animals housed in captive environments.

To build upon my understanding of the influence of captivity on animal welfare, I enjoy exploring topics linked to animals' awareness of their surroundings, including theory of mind, animal communication, and affective states.

## Qualifications

Animal Behaviour & Welfare, MRes Animal Behaviour & Welfare, The effect of combined olfactory and auditory enrichment on the behaviour and physiology of kennelled dogs (*Canis lupus familiaris*), University of the West of England (UWE)

Sept 2016 → Jul 2017

Award Date: 8 Aug 2017

Animal Behaviour & Welfare, BSc (Hons) Animal Behaviour & Welfare, The behavioural effects of olfactory stimulation on dogs at a rescue shelter, University of the West of England (UWE)

Sept 2013 → Jun 2016

Award Date: 8 Jul 2016

Jan 2018 → Sept 2019 Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, FHEA

Jan 2018 → Sept 2019 Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice, PCAP

## Employment

### Lecturer

Department of Animal and Agriculture

Hartpury University

United Kingdom

26 Jun 2017 → present

## Research output

### Sensory environmental enrichment in dogs

Binks, J. & Montrose, V. T., 14 Nov 2022, *Veterinary Times*, 52, 44, p. 10 1 p.

### Time for Self Reflection? Exploring Developments in Animals' Abilities to Demonstrate Self-Awareness

Binks, J. & Mellish, L., 19 Jan 2022

### The behavioural effects of olfactory stimulation on dogs at a rescue shelter

Binks, J., Taylor, S., Wills, A. & Montrose, V. T., 1 May 2018, In: *Applied Animal Behaviour Science*. 202, May, p. 69-76 8 p.

## Prizes

### Hartpury StAR Awards: Expert in their Field Award Nominee 2023

Binks, J. (Recipient), May 2023

**Hartpury StAR Awards: Heart of Hartpury Award Nominee 2023**

Binks, J. (Recipient), May 2023

**Hartpury StAR Awards: HE Inspiring Lecturer Award Winner 2023**

Binks, J. (Recipient), May 2023

**Hartpury StAR Awards: Most Supportive Tutor Award Nominee 2023**

Binks, J. (Recipient), May 2023

**Hartpury Student-Led Teaching Awards: FE Inspiring Lecturer Award Winner 2018**

Binks, J. (Recipient), 2018

**Hartpury Student-Led Teaching Awards: HE Inspiring Lecturer Award Nominee 2022**

Binks, J. (Recipient), 2022

**Hartpury Student-Led Teaching Awards: HE Inspiring Lecturer Award Winner 2020**

Binks, J. (Recipient), 12 Jun 2020

**Hartpury Student-Led Teaching Awards: Most Supportive Tutor Award Nominee 2022**

Binks, J. (Recipient), 2022

## **Press/Media**

**Beating the Boredom Blues: Sniffing Out New Opportunities for Dogs**

Taylor, S. & Binks, J.

29/4/20

1 Media contribution

**The behavioural effects of olfactory stimulation on dogs at a rescue shelter**

Binks, J., Taylor, S., Wills, A. & Montrose, T.

17/4/18 → 21/4/18

2 items of Media coverage