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Biography:

I graduated from the University of Cambridge as a veterinary surgeon in 2003, having attained a BA in Zoology in 2000, also from Cambridge. I then went into general mixed veterinary practice for a year before completing a small animal internship in 2005. After 2 further years in small animal practice I returned to the Queen's Veterinary School Hospital, Cambridge as a Hills' Senior Clinical Training Scholar in Small Animal Internal Medicine where I was enrolled for the European Diploma of Small Animal Medicine and completed my RCVS Certificate in Small Animal Medicine. On completing the SCTS I joined the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, Nottingham as a Clinical Lecturer in 2009 and completed my European Diploma to become a European Recognised Specialist in Small Animal Medicine in 2011. In 2012 I was awarded 4 years funding through the BBSRC's Doctoral Training Partnership to complete a full time PhD.

Degree registration:

PhD, due for completion in September 2016

School research theme:

Population Health and Welfare

Research topic:

'Welfare assessment in geriatric dogs'

Summary of research:

Quality of life is a term often used in small animal practice but it is poorly defined and hard to assess clinically. This research aims to examine quality of life tools available in small animal practice, and to look at the unanswered questions in canine arthritis with a view to developing and validating a tool for use by owners of arthritic dogs and their vets.

Research supervisors:

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Publications:

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