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Highlights

- From each of ten pairs, one boar was assigned to a barren, the other to an enriched environment.
- Decision making behavior of these pigs was investigated in the Pig Gambling Task (PGT).
- In addition, salivary cortisol and hair cortisol were measured.
- Barren housed pigs acquired the PGT faster than enriched-housed pigs.
- Barren housed pigs had higher hair cortisol levels and might have experienced more stress.

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