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## ACROSS

1, 20-across

Lose an opportunity to mess habit around (4,3,4)

One Oscar: 'Greatest embodiment of English animal' (10)

One of three in litter unusually acquiring first place (7)

Doing hair toss around trophy case (7)

Accept ire or savagely respond in kind (11)

Unfinished sharp road surface (3)

Ticked off burden (5)

Redrafted aim of ENT's policy statement (9)

Excitedly found excuse to dump ex being inattentive (9)

Get to sermonise (and not quietly) (5)

Draw little piggy on the phone (3) TOW

Releases new cinema tapes (11)

Pestered injured husband to stand in for wife (7)

See 1-across

Senior lapse blocked by wine (10)

Tread softly to elect party leaders (4)

## DOWN

Engine space goes up over time (5)

Tune out sorceress interrupting so very loudly (6,3)

Opening hours: ten 'til regulars turn up (5)

Scored alternative sad indie darling initially (9)

Herb put down complaint for Spooner (3,4)

Be discriminatory in one way, ignoring at first (5)

Little kid catches one bug on hot plane (5,4)

Southbound direction for ski fields? (6) 5 to 10

Reportedly grabbed small tool for pump (5,4)

Botch smile and handshake (9)

Begins a degree in beer (6,3)

Cheese stuffing reached Darwin (7)

Packaging broadcast for Doecheii, for example (6)

Cut, twisted and turned (5)

Stop filming here - inside's more appealing (5)

Russian leader's promoted new skipping exercise (3,2)