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For Immediate Release:

‘Recent advances in animal welfare science’ UFAW’s one-day conference to take place in Birmingham, July 3rd 2008

As part of its ongoing commitment to promoting the study of animal welfare and its science, the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is holding a one-day conference on ‘Recent advances in animal welfare science’ on 3rd July 2008 at the Council House, Birmingham. The meeting will provide a forum at which the community of scientists, veterinarians and others concerned with animal welfare can come together to share knowledge and practice, exchange views and improve our understanding and care of animals.

Animal welfare science is a relatively young area of study that is attracting growing interest and support and increasingly being asked to inform and guide legislation and good practice relating to the care of animals. The meeting, intended to become a regular event, will feature talks from established animal welfare scientists and those beginning their career in the field.

A wide range of subjects will be covered by the speakers, including amongst others: the association between welfare indicators and environmental choice in laying hens; the detection and alleviation of pain in fish; cognitive bias as a welfare indicator in the domestic dog; and assessment of post-operative pain in horses. The full programme can be downloaded from the UFAW website (www.ufaw.org.uk) where details of talks and poster presentations are available. Abstracts of the talks will be available on the website a few weeks prior to the conference.

The conference is being held in the banqueting suite of the Council House, Birmingham, on 3rd July 2008, and in order to make the conference available to the widest range of people working in the field of animal welfare the registration fee is only £10. Registration forms are available at www.ufaw.org.uk or by contacting UFAW at The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN, telephone 01582 831818, email ufaw@ufaw.org.uk.

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Note to Editors:

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is an internationally recognised, independent scientific and educational animal welfare charity. It works to improve knowledge and understanding of animals' needs in order to achieve high standards of welfare for farm, companion, research, captive wild animals and those with which we interact in the wild.

UFAW improves animal welfare worldwide through its programme of awards, grants and scholarships; by educational initiatives, especially at university and college level; by providing information in books, videos, reports and in its scientific journal *Animal Welfare*; by providing expert advice to governments and others, including for legislation and 'best practice' guidelines and codes; and by working with animal keepers, scientists, vets, lawyers and all those who care about animals.

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