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Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

New Companion Animal Welfare Award introduced by UFAW

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) has launched a new annual animal welfare award to recognise significant innovations or advances for the welfare of companion animals, and is now inviting applications for the inaugural, 2009, Award.

The UFAW Companion Animal Welfare Award is open to all individuals or organisations working in the field of companion animal welfare science such as research scientists, veterinarians and others. UFAW is particularly encouraging applications relating to genetic welfare problems; detection and alleviation of pain; and diagnosis and treatment of painful diseases – although it will be pleased to receive applications in other fields also. The winner will receive £1,000 together with an Award certificate.

“As a scientific and educational animal welfare charity, one of UFAW’s main priorities is to promote and support high quality science that will lead to substantial advances in animal welfare,” says UFAW CEO and Scientific Director James Kirkwood. “We are delighted to add the new Companion Animal Welfare Award to help promote companion animal welfare research and recognise organisations that have improved the welfare of companion animals.”

Further information about the Award and application forms can be obtained at the UFAW website (www.ufaw.org.uk) ‘Grants and Awards’ page, or by emailing scioff@ufaw.org.uk. Closing date for applications for the 2009 Companion Animal Welfare Award is 21st November 2008.

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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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