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Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

UFAW invites applications for major new research fellowship

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) has launched a major animal welfare initiative with a call for applications for its new Professor William Russell Research Fellowship.

Commemorating the life and work of Professor William Russell, the Fellowship will support high quality postdoctoral research, in the UK or elsewhere, that will lead to significant international advances in knowledge or application of one or more of the Three Rs – Replacement, Reduction and Refinement of the use of animals in biomedical research. These concepts were established by William Russell and his research assistant Rex Burch through their work at UFAW which culminated in the publication of ‘The Principles of Humane Experimental Technique’ in 1959. They have had, and continue to have, an immense impact on the welfare of animals used in research all over the world.

The new Fellowship will join UFAW’s wide range of awards in support of research in animal welfare science, and will cover salary and research costs up to £120,000 over three years. Applicants are initially asked to submit a brief Concept Note by 18th December 2007.

Further information and Concept Note forms can be obtained from UFAW’s website (www.ufaw.org.uk) or from the UFAW office at The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN. Fax 01582 831414, email scioff@ufaw.org.uk. Dr James Kirkwood, UFAW’s Chief Executive and Scientific Director, can be contacted for an informal discussion on 01582 831818.

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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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