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Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

UFAW invite applications for the 2009 Wild Animal Welfare Award

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is now inviting applications for its 2009 Wild Animal Welfare Award.

The Award, which has been presented annually for more than twenty years, recognises advances and innovations that are designed to alleviate or prevent human-induced harm to animals in the wild, or to improve the welfare of captive wild animals.

UFAW is particularly encouraging applications in the former category including: work to improve the humaneness of rodent 'pest' control; work towards the control of wildlife disease of anthropogenic origin; and improved methods of capture, handling or marking for field studies – although it will be pleased to receive applications in other fields also.

The Award is open to individuals or organisations working in areas such as research, management, conservation, control and reintroductions of wild animals. The closing date for receipt of applications is 7th December 2008. The winner will receive £1,000 together with an Award certificate.

Winners of the UFAW Wild Animal Welfare Award in recent years have included the Game Conservancy Trust for its 'Mink Raft' – a novel mink detection system that helps minimise risks to non-target species when trapping mink for water vole conservation; Bristol Zoo Gardens for their development of a new welfare-friendly flipper band for use in conservation studies of free-living African penguins; and Paignton Zoo for incorporating positive reinforcement training into the care of housed primates.

UFAW is an internationally recognised scientific and educational animal welfare charity promoting high standards of welfare for all animals – be they in the wild, in zoos, on farms, in research or companion animals.

Further information about the Wild Animal Welfare 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.

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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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