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### **New Scholarship Scheme for Animal Welfare in Israel**

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A new student scholarship scheme has been launched to improve the welfare of domestic and wild animals facing increased pressures due to the world's booming population which tops six billion people.

A scientific approach is crucial in developing sustainable and practical solutions to welfare challenges. The scheme has been set up to encourage Israeli student vets, biologists and farmers to do vacation scholarships. The awards are offered by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare's UFAW/SAWI Fund. The charity promotes animal welfare in Israel. The Israeli scheme is based on the successful one that UFAW has run for UK students for 20 years.

Dr James Kirkwood is Chief Executive and is responsible for developing SAWI/UFAW funded projects in Israel. He says: "This scheme will provide Israeli students with a first step on the ladder towards fulfilling their ambitions to pursue a career in finding practical and realistic solutions to animal welfare problems. There's a growing need for high-calibre young scientists to lead the way."

The SAWI Fund is derived from the Society for Animal Welfare in Israel. SAWI became a fund within UFAW in 2003. The founder of SAWI was Miss Marguerite Silverman.

The awards comprise 1500 shekels (£185) per week for subsistence and project costs. Awards are for a maximum of eight weeks, the maximum being a total 12,000 shekels (£1,500).

Projects are normally done during the summer holidays and whilst they do not have to be done in Israel, funds for travel are unavailable. Research projects must have a clear relevance to improving the welfare of farm, laboratory, companion, wild or zoo animals. Application forms are

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available from UFAW and must be returned by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2005**.

Previous vacation scholarships include:

- Evaluation of pain and distress associated with horse castration
- Improved social housing of zoo animals
- Effects of aquarium lighting on fish
- Improvements in laboratory animal care

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### Notes to Editors

**The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW)** is an internationally recognised, independent, scientific and educational charity. It promotes high standards of welfare for all animals including wild, captive, farm, laboratory animals and pets. It depends on members and supporters for all funding. UFAW improves animal welfare worldwide through its programme of awards, grants and scholarship schemes; by public education especially at university and college level; by providing information in books, videos, articles, technical reports and in its quarterly scientific journal *Animal Welfare*; by providing expert advice to government departments including the drafting of legislation and guidelines, and by working with animal keepers, scientists, vets, lawyers and all those who care about animals.

"Improvements in the care of animals are not now likely to come of their own accord, merely by wishing them: there must be research ..... and it is in sponsoring research of this kind, making its results widely known, that UFAW performs one of its most valuable services." (Sir Peter Medawar, CBE, FRS, 8<sup>th</sup> May 1957 – Nobel Laureate (1960), Chairman of the UFAW Scientific Advisory Committee 1951-1962)

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