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The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) Wild Animal Welfare Award 2007

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is inviting applications for its 2007 Wild Animal Welfare Award. The Award recognises 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.

Applications for the Award are invited from all those working with free-living or captive wild animals, for example in wildlife management and conservation, research, zoos and wildlife rehabilitation.

Up to two awards will be made, each of £1,000, to support further development of the recipient's interests in animal welfare. One will be made for the best innovation for the welfare of free-living wild animals in the UK and one for the best innovation for the welfare of captive wild animals in the UK. Applicants will need to present evidence in their applications that their innovation benefits the animal from the animal's point of view.

Winners of the Award in recent years have included the Game Conservancy Trust for its 'Mink Raft' – an innovation which eliminates harm to other species when trapping mink, voracious predators of the endangered water vole; and Paignton Zoo which won the Award for its incorporation of positive reinforcement training into the care of primates, enabling less stressful husbandry procedures such as dental care.

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

Application forms for the Wild Animal Welfare Award 2007 are available at www.ufaw.org.uk or by emailing ufaw@ufaw.org.uk, or telephone 01582-831818 for further information.

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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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