



## UNIVERSITIES FEDERATION FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

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### **Charity's Animal Science Award Celebrates 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2004**

Believe it or not - stone chewing in pigs, salmonellosis in garden birds, the rehabilitation of captive hedgehogs and stress in rescue cats all have something in common!

The above are just a few of the fascinating and diverse research projects undertaken by students who have won vacation scholarship awards from leading scientific charity the Universities Federation of Animal Welfare. The scheme celebrates the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of its launch on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

The celebration takes place at an evening reception at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Glasgow. It follows the 2004 UFAW vacation scholarship meeting at which this year's scholars present their research.

Stephen Wickens, UFAW's Development Officer says: "The awards aim to advance our understanding of animals' needs and how these can be met and encourage UK-based undergraduates to pursue their career interests in animal welfare and the science that underpins it. Anybody interested is very welcome to attend and learn more about the scheme. Since 1983, over 200 students have won scholarships and many have gone on to post-graduate work in animal welfare and some to supervise the next generation of scholarship winners."

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The closing date for applications for the 2005 UFAW Vacation Scholarship awards is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005. Anyone interested in attending the reception should contact [wickens@ufaw.org.uk](mailto:wickens@ufaw.org.uk)

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### Notes to Editors

**The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare ([www.ufaw.org.uk](http://www.ufaw.org.uk))** 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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