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# MEDIA RELEASE

# UFAW ANNOUNCES ONE DAY CONFERENCE ON RECENT ADVANCES IN ANIMAL WELFARE SCIENCE

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is holding the sixth of its popular one-day conferences on *Recent advances in animal welfare science* and has once again attracted a diverse and dynamic programme of speakers from the UK, Europe and the USA.

This year, the conference will take place in Newcastle at the Centre for Life on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 and features 15 presentations on subjects ranging from the factors driving repeated purchase and recommendation of brachycephalic dog breeds to the effects of weather and the environment on donkey, mule and horse welfare. There will also be poster sessions featuring over 65 presentations.

Held every other year, the conference is part of UFAW's ongoing commitment to improving animal welfare through increased scientific understanding of animals' needs and how best these can be met. These conferences are invaluable in bringing together scientists, veterinarians, policy makers and others from around the world to share knowledge, the latest advances and to exchange views and ideas.

The registration fee to attend the event is £60, which includes refreshments and lunch. The full conference programme, including speakers, venue, registration and other details can be obtained from the UFAW website (<u>www.ufaw.org.uk</u>) or by contacting UFAW, The Old School, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN. Telephone 01582 831818, email <u>ufaw@ufaw.org.uk</u>.

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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. This work relies on the support of members, subscribers and donors.

The first "recent advances in animal welfare science" conference took place in Birmingham in 2008.

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