



## UNIVERSITIES FEDERATION FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

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## LOCAL ANIMAL WELFARE CHARITY WITH A GLOBAL REACH APPEALS FOR YOUR HELP

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW), based near St Albans, is appealing for funds to help more animals. UFAW is an animal welfare charity but one with a difference and, since 1926, has helped millions of animals around the world, from pets to wild and farm animals.

The charity's Chief Executive, Dr Robert Hubrecht, explained what makes UFAW unique: *"One of the key tools for improving animals' welfare and preventing unnecessary suffering is animal welfare science. Change for the better depends on knowledge, understanding and practical solutions and science provides the evidence for these. A major part of UFAW's work is enabling mankind to find out and understand more about what matters to animals and how we can improve their welfare."*

UFAW makes a difference by funding quality projects which have the capacity to help large numbers of animals and to really make a difference, and by disseminating and sharing the information learned. For example, some of UFAW's recent projects have included the welfare implications of hot-iron disbudding in dairy calves (USA), a workshop on elephant behaviour, welfare and training for owners and mahouts in Thailand, the promotion of animal welfare by introducing new approaches to clinical skills teaching at veterinary schools in Bangladesh and a study which looked at the effects of dog training methods on pet dog welfare and the dog-owner bond in Portugal.

Quite simply, the charity is appealing for donations to enable it to increase its ability to fund this vital work. Thanks to the generosity of its existing members and supporters, UFAW has been able to fund some amazing work with a lasting impact but would like to be able to do more. The charity currently has a grants pot of £40,000 but with many outstanding and deserving calls for support, needs more funds to be able to do so. It has launched a Just Giving campaign to try and raise an additional £10,000.

Dr Hubrecht adds: *"Helping individual animals is very compelling, but animal welfare science is so important to advance our knowledge in ways that can affect millions of animals into the future. We need people who understand the value of such research to make a lasting difference. People who give a donation, become a member and/or help us spread the knowledge gained by science to benefit animals are the very lifeblood of the charity."*

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The charity's appeal can be found on its website at [www.ufaw.org.uk/topup](http://www.ufaw.org.uk/topup) which gives further information on some of the projects currently being funded, and how a donation can have a real impact. Alternatively, the campaign is also live on its Just Giving campaign page [www.justgiving.com/campaign/domoreforanimals](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/domoreforanimals).

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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.

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

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