

## Media Release

### From the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW)

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**For Immediate Release:**

### Young Animal Welfare Scientist of the Year

The 2015 UFAW Young Animal Welfare Scientist of the Year award has been presented by the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare to Dr Jasmeet Kaler, Lecturer in Veterinary Epidemiology and Farm Animal Health at the School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, University of Nottingham.

UFAW makes this award annually to recognise the achievements of young scientists who have made significant contributions to improving the welfare of animals. The award is open to postgraduate students, anywhere in the world, who are currently studying for a doctoral degree or who are in postdoctoral work within six years of their PhD. This year's award was presented to Dr Kaler at the UFAW international symposium on 'Animal Populations – World Resources and Animal Welfare Science', held recently in Zagreb, Croatia.

Dr Kaler's doctoral and post-doctoral work on lameness in sheep, which affects around three million sheep each year in the UK, has contributed to current best practice in managing lameness on sheep farms. Her work influenced the Farm Animal Welfare Council opinion on lameness in sheep (2011), and has been used in lameness guidelines considered as industry best practice. Jasmeet's subsequent work has identified treatments for foot rot and shown that foot trimming in fact delays healing. Her work has contributed to the significant reduction in prevalence of lameness, increased detection and treatment, reduced use of foot trimming and increased use of antibacterial therapy, all of which are of huge impact to the welfare of sheep in the UK.

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Attached photo:



Dr Jasmeet Kaler of the University of Nottingham is congratulated by Dr Robert Hubrecht, Chief Executive of UFAW, upon presentation of the UFAW Young Scientist of the Year 2015 award at the UFAW International Symposium in Zagreb, Croatia, July 2015.

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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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