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Media Release

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Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW)**

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For Immediate Release:

UFAW invites applications for its 2012 3Rs PhD Studentship

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is inviting applications for its 2012 3Rs Liaison Group Studentship.

The UFAW 3Rs Liaison Group funds research that is likely to lead to practical solutions for advancing the welfare of laboratory animals. The Studentship is to enable a promising graduate, based at a research institute in the British Isles, to undertake a three-year programme of research leading to a degree at the doctorate level in any aspect of the Replacement, Reduction, or Refinement of laboratory animal use, to be awarded in 2012. The award will be for a maximum of £75,000 over the three year period.

UFAW established the 3Rs Liaison Group Research Studentship in 1998 to encourage young scientists to carry out post-graduate studies aimed at improving the welfare of animals used in research. It provides funds for useful and original research that can benefit many animals worldwide. In addition to the direct research benefits, the Studentship has helped to encourage academic interest in this area of animal use.

Since 1998 six Studentships have been awarded. Past students have provided insights into mouse and primate husbandry, and current students are undertaking research to improve the welfare of mice used in cancer research, and on a non-sentient alternative to the use of animals to screen drugs for nausea-inducing side-effects.

Application is a two-stage process with project supervisors initially submitting a brief Concept Note by 14th November 2011.

For further information, or a Concept Note application form, visit www.ufaw.org.uk or write to UFAW, The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN. Fax: 01582 831414, Email: scioff@ufaw.org.uk. For an informal discussion contact Dr Robert Hubrecht, telephone 01582 831818.

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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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