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Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

UFAW Scholars meet at RVC

The 15th annual UFAW Animal Welfare Student Scholars Meeting took place recently at the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), hosted by the Centre for Animal Welfare, with presentations by scholars of work undertaken in 2013.

The large audience was treated to an impressive quality and range of talks – from how to weigh an entangled Right whale at sea for administering correct doses of sedative or medication (Ashley Barratclough, RVC), the effect of kennel noise on the hearing of dogs (Rebecca Venn, University of Glasgow), to the use of facial analysis as means of assessing pain in zebra fish, one of the most commonly kept laboratory animals (Kirsty French, University of Liverpool).

The UFAW Animal Welfare Student Scholarships scheme aims to encourage students to develop their interests in animal welfare science and to provide them with an opportunity to conduct relevant research or other, for example educational, projects. The scholarships are open to individuals at universities and colleges in the UK, and overseas institutions at which there is a UFAW University Link. Since the scheme began in 1983 there have been over 300 scholars around the world.

For more information about the Animal Welfare Student Scholarships visit www.ufaw.org.uk or contact the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare, Telephone 01582 831818, email ufaw@ufaw.org.uk.

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Attached photo:



UFAW Animal Welfare Student Scholars at the 15th Annual Scholars Meeting held at the RVC, December 2013, with UFAW's Dr Stephen Wickens (far right).

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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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