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Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

Helping to build capacity in animal welfare science worldwide

At its recent international symposium on 'Science in the service of animal welfare' held at the University of Barcelona in July, there was discussion about how UFAW might help to further build capacity in animal welfare science around the world. The meeting attracted over 160 delegates from 33 countries, some advanced in, and some quite new to, animal welfare science.

There was wide support for UFAW taking steps to further develop internationally to help promote animal welfare science, particularly by: providing support for regional workshops and meetings; providing further research funding, especially at the undergraduate, summer project, level; and providing further funding to enable students and scientists from countries which do not have traditions for animal welfare science, to travel to those that do, to learn approaches and techniques for addressing the welfare questions and problems they face.

At present, UFAW's activities in its role as an international society for animal welfare science include: publishing the academic journal *Animal Welfare* which has subscribers in many countries and an international editorial board; organising international symposiums, conferences and workshops; fostering a network of university and college links around the world; supporting undergraduate, PhD and post-doc animal welfare research internationally; and editing books submitted or commissioned for the UFAW / Wiley Blackwell Scientific animal welfare series.

UFAW aims to take forward the ideas for further development raised at the symposium and is seeking further feedback from other countries. If you would like to be involved in these developments or to be kept informed contact Dr Stephen Wickens at UFAW, email wickens@ufaw.org.uk.

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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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