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Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

UFAW SAWI Fund awards animal welfare Studentship in Israel

As part of its efforts to assist in the development of animal welfare science and animal welfare science teaching in Israel, the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is very pleased to have awarded a Research Studentship from its dedicated 'SAWI' Fund.

The UFAW SAWI Fund was established in 2003 following the earlier incorporation of the Society for Animal Welfare in Israel (SAWI) into the activities of UFAW, a UK based independent scientific and educational animal welfare charity.

In September 2011 the UFAW (SAWI Fund) Studentship in Animal Welfare Science was awarded to Roi Mandel for PhD research on 'Determination of social behaviour patterns of dairy cows as early stage predictors of morbidity' under the supervision of Dr Eyal Klement at the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Determining practical methods for the early prediction of disease development in dairy cattle may enable timely intervention to maintain the well-being of individual animals.

This initiative has also enabled arrangements to be made for Dr Alon Arazi to undertake a PhD project on 'Validation of morbidity detection in dairy cows by automatically collected data' to run in parallel with the above project, also under Eyal Klement's supervision at the Koret School. Professor Christine Nicol and Dr Becky Why of Bristol University Veterinary School will be co-supervisors for Roi and Alon.

UFAW's Chief Executive, James Kirkwood, said: 'This initiative has developed through a series of meetings with staff at the Vet School at Rehovot over several years. We are very delighted that it has come to fruition and wish Roi and Alon every success with their studies and hope that it will be significant in helping developments in animal welfare science in Israel. Congratulations to them and to Eyal Klement and to Professors Hylton Bark and Shimon Harrus and all those at the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine who have helped establish this initiative. We are very grateful to Christine Nicol and Becky Why for their involvement.'

If you would like to know more about the activities of the UFAW SAWI Fund or are interested in supporting its work, visit www.ufaw.org.uk/ufaw-sawi.php or contact UFAW, The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN. Tel: 01582 831818, email info@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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