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For Immediate Release:

Students battle through snow to present research

Despite hostile weather conditions the annual UFAW/HSA Animal Welfare Student Scholarship meeting, where UFAW Animal Welfare Student Scholars and HSA Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholars present their work, took place at the University of Glasgow on the 8th December 2010, albeit in truncated form.

Scientific and educational animal welfare charity UFAW and sister charity HSA fund short research projects under the Animal Welfare Student Scholarship (formerly known as Vacation Scholarship) and Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarship schemes respectively, designed to encourage and develop interest in animal welfare science. Projects are up to eight weeks in duration and the annual meeting provides a platform for scholars to present and discuss the findings of their studies.

With Scotland and other parts of the UK experiencing travel chaos caused by heavy snow with many airports and roads shut, five brave souls managed to battle through the conditions and the audience that had been able to join them were treated to some excellent presentations.

Two of the student presenters had the furthest distance to travel of all with Josep Subirana flying in from Barcelona to talk about his work on assessing pain in dogs in neutering programmes in developing countries, and Saara Maria Hiippala from the Estonian University of Life Sciences presenting her work on the assessment of diagnostic methods for canine monocytic ehrlichiosis amongst the stray dogs of Sri Lanka. HSA Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholar Bernard Mwakifuna of the University of Bristol battled through the snow to present his research on electrical waterbath stunning of chickens and the potential for ineffective stunning due to variations in electrical resistance between birds.

UFAW and the HSA would like to congratulate the presenters and thank the staff and students of the Veterinary School at Glasgow, in particular Dr Dorothy McKeegan for her assistance in organizing the event.

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Photo: Beating the snow – UFAW/HSA Student Scholars at the University of Glasgow 8th December 2010, with the HSA's Jade Spence (left front) and UFAW's Steve Wickens (fourth from left).



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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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