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Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

New training course receives UFAW wildlife welfare award

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) has presented its 2010 Wild Animal Welfare Award to Dr Julie Lane, Team Leader of the Ethical Review Team at FERA, the Food and Environment Research Agency, for their new 'Wild mammal and bird training course'.

As human pressures on the environment grow, there is increasing need for research into aspects of the ecology, control or conservation of free-living wild animals – many thousands of mammals and birds are involved in such research each year. The new training course has been developed by Dr Lane and her colleagues at FERA (Vicky Jackson, Anne Hudson and Matt Brash) and the University of York (Dr Pat Coulson) to provide training for researchers working with wild animals aimed at improving best practice in the capture, handling, marking and release of mammals and birds.

UFAW's Wild Animal Welfare Award, launched several years ago, is an annual prize to recognise significant innovations for the welfare of wild animals – alleviating or preventing harm caused by humans to the welfare of free-living animals or improving the welfare of wild animals in captivity.

This year's Award was presented to Dr Lane at the popular UFAW bi-annual conference on 'Recent advances in animal welfare science' held at the Merchant Adventurers Hall, York, on 30th June. The conference reflects the increasing interest in animal welfare science and in improving our knowledge of, and the way we care for, animals – an appropriate occasion for the presentation of the Award to the FERA team.

UFAW is an internationally recognised independent animal welfare charity that promotes improvements in animal welfare worldwide through scientific and educational activities. More information about their work can be seen at www.ufaw.org.uk or contact UFAW, The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN. Telephone 01582 831818, email ufaw@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.

This work relies on the support of members, subscribers and donors.

The Food and Environment Research Agency (Fera) is an Executive Agency of the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). Its remit is to provide robust evidence, rigorous analysis and expert professional advice to government, international organisations and the private sector, in order to support and develop a sustainable and secure food chain, a healthy natural environment, and to protect the global community from biological and chemical risks.

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