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‘Recent advances in animal welfare science’ UFAW’s one-day conference in York, June 26th 2014

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is holding the fourth of its popular one-day conferences on ‘Recent advances in animal welfare science’ at the Merchant Adventurers’ Hall in York on 26th June 2014.

The meeting, part of UFAW’s ongoing commitment to promoting the study of animal welfare and its science, aims to provide a forum at which the growing international community of scientists, veterinarians and others concerned with animal welfare can come together to share knowledge and practice, exchange views and improve our understanding and care of animals. To ensure access to a wide audience, the registration fee has been kept as low as possible – this year it is just £28.

A wide range of subjects will be covered by speakers from around the world, including amongst others: cognitive bias as a welfare indicator in horses; the welfare of chickens during transport; and the welfare of dairy cattle. Over 60 poster presentations will also be featured.

The conference is being held in the Merchant Adventurers’ Hall in York. Built in 1357, the timbered Hall and Undercroft make up one of the best-preserved medieval guild halls in the world.

The full conference programme, registration form and other details can be obtained from the UFAW website (www.ufaw.org.uk) or by contacting UFAW, The Old School, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN. Telephone 01582 831818, email ufaw@ufaw.org.uk.

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Notes to Editors:

Full list of speakers and talks (abstracts available upon request):

- **Bickell SL and D Blache** (*The University of Western Australia, Australia*)
Stock-handling training improves sheep behaviour, stress and productivity
- **Burn CC** (*The Royal Veterinary College, UK*)
Why are some animal welfare problems perceived as ‘normal’?
- **de Haas EN, JE Bolhuis, B Kemp and TB Rodenburg** (*Wageningen University and University of Groningen, The Netherlands; Institute National de Recherche, Nouzilly, France*)
Consistent differences in behaviour and stress sensitivity in brown and white type laying hens requests a custom-made approach to improve bird welfare
- **Di Martino G, W McCormick, F Buniolo, G Berto, F Agnoletti and L Bonfanti** (*Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie, Italy; Moulton College, UK*)
The effect of stocking density and feed formulation on the behaviour, health and growth of meat rabbits
- **Dixon LM, I Dunn, S Brocklehurst, V Sandilands, M Bateson, T Boswell, B Tolkamp, P Wilson and RB D’Eath** (*Scotland’s Rural College, University of Edinburgh, Biomathematics and Statistics Scotland and University of Newcastle, UK*)
New measures of hunger in broiler breeder chickens
- **Friend TH, WR Binion and JA Haberman** (*Texas A&M University, USA*)
The use of reflective films to improve the comfort of dairy calves during hot and cold weather
- **Hall LE, S Robinson and HM Buchanan-Smith** (*University of Stirling and AstraZeneca, UK*)
Refining oral gavage: Assessing and improving welfare in the laboratory-housed dog
- **Henry S, M Hausberger, C Fureix and M Bateson** (*Université de Rennes1, France; University of Guelph, Canada; Newcastle University, UK*)
Do horses with poor welfare show “pessimistic” cognitive biases?
- **Jacobs L, E Delezie, L Duchateau, X Gellynck, K Goethals, E Lambrecht, J Viaene and FAM Tuytens** (*The Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research and Ghent University, Belgium*)
The welfare of broiler chickens during transport to slaughter plants
- **McLennan KM, J Littlemore and W McCormick** (*University of Cambridge and Moulton College, UK*)
The effects of a dynamic group system on the social bonds of dairy cattle
- **O’Neill DG, DB Church, PD McGreevy, PC Thomson and DC Brodbelt** (*The Royal Veterinary College, UK; University of Sydney, Australia*)
Post-Bateson: have pedigree dogs become exposed?
- **Ortolani A, J Gonggrijp, R Putman and F Ohl** (*Utrecht University, The Netherlands*)
Assessing dog welfare: A new perspective
- **Paranhos da Costa MJR, LC Magalhães Silva, LP Silva and MFM Guimarães** (*Universidade Estadual Paulista, Brazil*)
Effects of good practices of handling on the welfare of dairy calves
- **Tribe A, A Bouchon-Small and M Torregrosa Rocabado** (*University of Queensland, Australia*)
Wildlife rehabilitation in Queensland

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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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