



Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

HSA invites applications for the 2012 Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarships

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) is now inviting applications for its 2012 Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarships.

The Scholarships, established in 1986 as a memorial to the late Dorothy Sidley MBE, support students and industry trainees undertaking scientific research projects that are aimed at improving the welfare of food animals during transport, in markets or at slaughter. Undergraduate and postgraduate students in agricultural, veterinary or meat sciences, or trainees in the livestock, meat and fish industries in the UK, are eligible, as are students registered at universities outside the UK that have a UFAW/HSA University 'LINK' person (see www.ufaw.org.uk/links-news-events.php). Each Scholarship is for up to £2,000.

Applicants are encouraged to design research projects in areas they are particularly interested in. Previous awards have included, for example: an examination of the responses of sheep to movements experienced during sea transport and their implications for animal welfare on such voyages; relative efficacy of AC and DC waterbath stunning of poultry; and behavioural responses of broiler chickens to thermal and vibrational stressors.

For 2012 the HSA is also making some suggestions for research areas including: studies to assess the benefits for poultry welfare of the different small-scale electrical stunners used on-farm; the effects of fish transport variables on fish welfare; investigation of the constraints in some countries to the adoption of modern methods of stunning prior to slaughter.

Closing date for applications for the 2012 Scholarships is 28th February 2012. Further information and application forms are available at the HSA website (www.hsa.org.uk) or by contacting the HSA on +44 (0)1582 831919, email info@hsa.org.uk.

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Note to Editors:

As an independent registered charity, the HSA is unique in working exclusively to achieve the highest worldwide standards in food animal welfare at markets, during transport and at slaughter through scientific and technical advances, education and training. Its work includes researching, refining and demonstrating humane slaughter methods, publishing material such as guidelines, best practice, books and videos, funding research projects and the development of equipment. Specialist technical staff provide expert and practical advice on all welfare issues relating to food animals.

The HSA is funded by voluntary donations, subscriptions and legacies.

For more information about the HSA's work call 01582 831919, email info@hsa.org.uk or visit www.hsa.org.uk

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