

Media Release

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HSA Dorothy Sidley Scholars present their work

Two of the Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholars presented their work at the 16th annual UFAW/HSA Animal Welfare Student Scholars Meeting which took place recently at the University of Newcastle.

The HSA operates the Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarship scheme to support and encourage interest in animal welfare science and its application. An annual meeting is held at which scholars can present their work.

At the Newcastle meeting Thomas Elwes, Royal Veterinary College, presented his project which investigated causes of stress in cattle during handling and restraint prior to slaughter, and Nikki Mackie, University of Glasgow, spoke about her study of behavioural responses of broilers during low atmospheric pressure stunning (LAPS), the results of which suggested that LAPS has potential to improve bird welfare at slaughter.

For more information about the HSA's Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarship scheme visit www.hsa.org.uk, email info@hsa.org.uk, telephone 01582 831919.

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Attached photo:

Nathan Rhys Williams of the HSA (left) with Nikki Mackie, University of Glasgow, and Thomas Elwes, Royal Veterinary College, at the annual scholars meeting held at the University of Newcastle in December 2014.

Note to Editors:

The HSA is an independent charity recognised internationally for promoting scientific, technical and educational advances towards improving the welfare of food animals worldwide at slaughter, killing, marketing and transport.

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.

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