



Humane Slaughter Association

## Media Release

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### **Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) develops new online training resource**

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) has produced a model syllabus on animal welfare at slaughter, which references HSA publications and training materials.

HSA staff have created a course outline to provide a resource for educators wishing to develop tertiary education modules on the welfare of animals during transport, marketing and slaughter. Topics and specific subjects relating to these areas have been identified and captured in a table in which key relevant educational material developed by the HSA and others is listed under appropriate headings. Many of these resources are freely available on the HSA website and can be easily found using the hyperlinks provided in the table.

Charles Mason, Technical Director of the HSA said: "This model syllabus pulls together a wealth of information and materials into one resource. The charity's education and training courses are designed to suit personnel from food processing plants, regulatory bodies, educational establishments, smallholders and hobby farmers, enforcement agencies, animal welfare groups, and also members of the general public who have an interest in the subject."

The model syllabus, which has been widely promoted to relevant audiences, should be particularly useful for course co-ordinators in veterinary schools and those teaching animal welfare undergraduate and post-graduate degrees.

The syllabus can be found at [www.hsa.org.uk/training--education/training--education](http://www.hsa.org.uk/training--education/training--education).

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## **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.

The charity is also noted for its livestock expertise and provides education and training in the fields of transport, marketing and slaughter in the United Kingdom and around the world. 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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