



## Media Release

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**For Immediate Release:**

### **Caring to the End**

*New booklet from the HSA provides advice to smallholders, hobby farmers and those who keep farm animals as pets*

With growing numbers of people keeping livestock in small numbers, including as pets, the Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) – a registered charity that works for the welfare of farm animals during transport, at markets and at slaughter – is increasingly being asked for advice on what to do or what to expect when the time comes for animals to be put down because of age, illness or injury, when they die of natural causes or need to be killed for a specific purpose.

It is essential to be well prepared for these situations, both for the welfare of the animals and to minimise any distress that owners may experience at such times. A new booklet produced by the HSA introduces owners of traditionally farmed species to the options that are available to them so that they can plan ahead, they know who to contact and what to expect. Included are appendices of useful websites and details of useful contacts.

‘Caring to the end – a guide to the humane dispatch of livestock for smallholders, hobby farmers and those who keep farm animals as pets’ is available at £2.50 each, including post and handling, from the HSA. Telephone 01582 831919, email [info@hsa.org.uk](mailto:info@hsa.org.uk) for further information or send a cheque/postal order made out to the Humane Slaughter Association to HSA, The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, Herts AL4 8AN.

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Photo attached:



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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](mailto:info@hsa.org.uk) or visit [www.hsa.org.uk](http://www.hsa.org.uk)

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