



Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

HSA invites applications for the 2009 Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarships

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) is now inviting applications for its 2009 Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarships.

The Scholarships, established in 1986 as a memorial to the late Dorothy Sidley MBE, support student and industry trainee research projects that are aimed at raising standards of welfare of food animals at slaughter, in markets or during transport. 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. Each Scholarship is for up to £2,000.

This year the HSA is making some suggestions for research areas including: the effect on welfare of the length of time poultry is hung on shackle lines prior to stunning; the effect of the design of livestock vehicles on access to livestock in the event of road traffic accidents; the welfare effect of new designs or materials of non-slip flooring in markets. However, applicants are encouraged to design research projects of particular interest to them, and the HSA will welcome applications in other areas.

Closing date for applications for the 2009 Scholarships is 28th February 2009. 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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