



Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

Education and training services from the HSA

The comprehensive range of education and training services provided by the Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) are described in a new brochure which is now freely available from the HSA office or by download from www.hsa.org.uk.

The HSA's education and training activities range from practical training courses for staff from abattoirs and food processing plants, smallholders and specialist groups such as veterinarians and enforcement agencies, to lectures for students and talks to local groups interested in food animal welfare. Topics include: modern methods of humane slaughter; on-farm emergency killing; animal welfare in processing plants and livestock markets; on-farm humane slaughter of poultry for small producers; monitoring welfare during transport; firearms training; and many others to suit specific requirements.

A comprehensive range of publications and training materials, including DVDs, are also produced by the HSA. These, together with the courses, are described in the new brochure.

The HSA is an independent registered charity which has been working to develop and promote improvements in the welfare of farmed livestock during transport, in markets and at slaughter since it was founded in 1911. The charity is internationally recognised for its livestock expertise and provides education and training in the fields of transport, marketing and slaughter in the UK and around the world.

For a free copy of the new brochure contact the HSA office at The Old School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, St Albans, Herts AL4 8AN, telephone 01582 831919, email info@hsa.org.uk. Alternatively you can download the brochure at www.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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