



Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

HSA invites applications for the 2013 Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarships

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) is now inviting applications for its 2013 Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarships.

The Scholarships were established in 1986 as a memorial to the late Dorothy Sidley MBE, who was General Secretary of the HSA for 48 years. They support students and industry trainees undertaking research projects that are aimed at improving the welfare of food animals during transport, in markets or at slaughter. 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 (see www.ufaw.org.uk/links-news-events.php). Each Scholarship is for up to £2,000.

Applicants are encouraged to design research projects in areas they are particularly interested in. Projects now being undertaken by current scholars include: assessing performance of electrical stunning of sheep; investigating the efficiency of manual slaughter methods in turkey processing plants; a review and comparison of the welfare of pigs at slaughter in the UK and Estonia; assessing the welfare of pigs during on-farm euthanasia.

For 2013 the HSA is also making some suggestions for research areas including: the benefits to poultry welfare of the different small-scale electrical stunners used on-farm; the associations between transport variables and fish welfare; and the constraints to the adoption of modern methods of stunning livestock at slaughter in countries that have not done so.

Closing date for applications for the 2013 Scholarships is 28th February 2013. 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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