



Humane Slaughter Association

## Media Release

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# HSA announces new Chief Executive

Following the retirement of Dr Robert Hubrecht at the end of 2019, The Humane Slaughter Association is delighted to announce it has appointed Dr Huw Golledge BSc PhD as the new Chief Executive of both the HSA and its sister charity, the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW).

Huw has been a member of the senior management team at the HSA and the UFAW since September 2014 when he joined as the Senior Scientific Programme Manager, a role in which he has helped to develop the research and educational activities of the charities as well as working on the general management of both organisations. His background is in neuroscience and before joining the HAS and UFAW he was a Senior Research Associate at Newcastle University working on neurophysiological and behavioural methods to assess and improve the welfare of laboratory animals. He is interested in the application of rigorous scientific investigation to advance our understanding and ultimately to improve the welfare of animals.

Chair of UFAW's Council Alick Simmons said: *"The Council of Trustees and I are delighted with the appointment of Dr Huw Golledge as Chief Executive of the HSA. Huw has been a great asset to the organisation and I look forward to working with him in his new role. We are confident he will rise to the challenge."*

Huw said: *"Both the HSA and UFAW have a long and proud tradition of working to improve our knowledge and understanding of animals and their needs through scientific research, education and training. I consider it a privilege to lead the charities as they enter a new decade of pushing the boundaries of our knowledge to benefit animal welfare. I also look forward to helping both charities disseminate the findings of the research we fund, and animal welfare science more generally to everyone who can use this information to improve animal welfare, from governments and regulators to animal caretakers and the general public."*

Huw will officially take up his new role with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2020.

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**Note to editors:**

Image of Dr Golledge available on request

**The Humane Slaughter Association (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.

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.

**The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW)** is an internationally recognised, independent scientific and educational animal welfare charity. It works to improve knowledge and understanding of animals' needs in order to achieve high standards of welfare for farm, companion, research, captive wild animals and those with which we interact in the wild.

UFAW improves animal welfare worldwide through its programme of awards, grants and scholarships; by educational initiatives, especially at university and college level; by providing information in books, videos, reports and in its scientific journal *Animal Welfare*; by providing expert advice to governments and others, including for legislation and 'best practice' guidelines and codes; and by working with animal keepers, scientists, vets, lawyers and all those who care about animals.

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