



Humane Slaughter Association

Media Briefing

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POULTRY PRODUCERS' ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) would like to hear from any poultry producers who are dispatching farmed poultry with free-bullet weapons (particularly air-powered) using a head shot to destroy the brain instantaneously.

Whilst the use of free-bullet weapons for humanely killing poultry has not previously been a recommended technique, it might, if reliably successful, provide an alternative humane method for small-scale producers to slaughter poultry for direct supply to local consumers or retailers, or to kill sick/injured birds.

If any poultry producers who are using free-bullet weapons - particularly air pistols or air rifles – are interested in assisting the HSA with evaluation of the technique, then please either email the HSA Technical Officer (Jade@hsa.org.uk) or telephone 01582 831919.

The HSA is an independent charity that works through educational, scientific and technical advances to improve the welfare of food animals worldwide during transport, marketing, slaughter and killing for welfare reasons or disease control. For more information about this work visit www.hsa.org.uk or telephone 01582 831919.

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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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