



Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

HSA invites applications for the 2010 Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarships

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) is now inviting applications for its 2010 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 improving the 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 (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. This year the HSA is also making some suggestions for research areas including: studies to assess the efficacy of automated poultry bleeding systems in slaughterhouses; investigation of whether fish should be bled by cutting both sets of gills in order to protect their welfare rather than one as is typically the case now; investigation of the constraints in some countries to the adoption of modern methods of stunning prior to slaughter.

Closing date for applications for the 2010 Scholarships is 28th February 2010. 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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