



Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

HSA team up with MVP Training on duck welfare

The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) teamed up with MVP Training recently to provide a welfare training course to Cherry Valley Farms Limited, one of the UK's leading growers and processors of ducks.

Organised by MVP Training, a subsidiary of Minster Veterinary Practice based in Yorkshire, Sutton Bonnington and Hereford, and part-funded by the RDPE Landskills Programme for England, the course provided training in best practice for welfare during catching and handling, restraint and culling of sick and injured birds. Practical instruction included the use of mechanical percussive devices designed for humane on-farm culling of poultry, as an alternative to neck dislocation which will be restricted from January 2013 under the European 'Council Regulation No.1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing'. The course was attended by managers and stockmen from both breeder and grower operations of Cherry Valley Farms.

MVP Training was established by Minster Veterinary Practice to research and deliver training to meet the needs of practice clients. Funding was secured from the RDPE Landskills Programme for England to deliver training to the UK poultry sector in the Yorkshire/Humberside, East Midlands and West Midlands regions. In collaboration with the HSA, which provides a wide range of training services in livestock handling and welfare, it is hoped to extend future training to other poultry sectors and to groups such as smallholders.

Further information on training courses can be obtained from the HSA, telephone 01582 831919, email info@hsa.org.uk, web www.hsa.org.uk or MVP Training, telephone 01904 709007, email carol.macey@mvptraining.co.uk, web www.mvptraining.co.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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