



## Media Release

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**For Immediate Release:**

### **Humane Slaughter Association student scholar battles through snow to present research**

Despite hostile weather conditions the annual UFAW/HSA Animal Welfare Student Scholarship meeting, where UFAW Animal Welfare Student Scholars and HSA Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholars present their work, took place at the University of Glasgow on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010, albeit in truncated form.

Scientific and educational animal welfare charity UFAW and sister charity HSA fund short research projects under the Animal Welfare Student Scholarship (formerly known as Vacation Scholarship) and Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholarship schemes respectively, designed to encourage and develop interest in animal welfare science. Projects are up to eight weeks in duration and the annual meeting provides a platform for scholars to present and discuss the findings of their studies.

With Scotland and other parts of the UK experiencing travel chaos caused by heavy snow with many airports and roads shut HSA Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholar Bernard Mwakifuna of the University of Bristol was among those who successfully battled through the conditions to present his work on electrical waterbath stunning of chickens and the potential for ineffective stunning due to variations in electrical resistance between birds.

The HSA would like to congratulate Bernard for his determination in helping to make the meeting a success despite the conditions, and to thank the staff and students of the Veterinary School at Glasgow, in particular Dr Dorothy McKeegan for her assistance in organizing the event.

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Photo: HSA Dorothy Sidley Memorial Scholar Bernard Mwakifuna presents his research on electrical waterbath stunning of chickens at the annual UFAW/HSA Animal Welfare Student Scholarship meeting, University of Glasgow 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010.



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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.

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