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Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

UFAW announces award of the inaugural Professor William Russell Fellowship

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is very pleased to announce the awarding of its inaugural Professor William Russell Fellowship to Dr Joseph Garner of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, USA.

The new Fellowship was introduced this year in honour of Professor William Russell and his work with Rex Burch at UFAW that led to the publication of 'The Principles of Humane Experimental Technique' in 1959. This work established the concept of the 3Rs (Replacement, Reduction and Refinement) now recognised throughout the world as guiding principles in the use of animals in scientific procedures. Open to applicants in the UK and overseas, the three-year post-doctoral Fellowship supports research aimed at making a substantial contribution to the welfare of such animals.

Dr Garner was awarded the Fellowship for his project entitled 'Refinement of mouse husbandry: does nesting material allow mice to cope with the chronic cold stress of standard housing conditions, and what are the practical benefits in terms of physiological variability and animal welfare?' Dr Garner will be investigating the ambient temperature preferences of mice and bedding needs for their thermal comfort. This is an important area of work – particularly in view of the fact that mice are by far the most commonly used species in scientific procedures – which can potentially benefit many millions of animals.

The Professor William Russell Fellowship is part of a wide portfolio of research award and grant schemes run by UFAW in support of scientific work aimed at improving our understanding of animals' needs and how best they can be met. Animal welfare science is increasingly making fundamental and lasting improvements to animal welfare through education and expert advice to all who care for and work with animals, institutions and governments. UFAW congratulates Dr Garner and wishes him well for his important contribution to animal welfare science.

Further information about UFAW and its work can be obtained from the UFAW website (www.ufaw.org.uk) or by contacting the UFAW office on 01582 831818, email ufaw@ufaw.org.uk.

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Note to Editors:

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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