



Tails & Tales

Animal Welfare Centre updates

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Welcome to the Animal Welfare Centre updates, **Tales and Tails**.

We will provide regular (monthly) updates via email and socials. If you would like to sign up to the mailing list to receive emails to your inbox, please email: JM.Welfare@ed.ac.uk

1. **New publication:** Cathy Dwyer (Director) and final year PhD student, Wendy Watson, have had a new paper published that characterises horse owners in the UK and the prevalence of welfare issues. Watson, W. L. et al. (2025) Healthy as a Horse? Characterising the UK and Ireland's Horse Owners, Their Horses, and Owner-Reported Health and Behavioural Issues. *Animals (Basel)*. [Online] 15 (3), 397-. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ani15030397>



2. **Visit:** Animal welfare nurse, Hayley Walters speaks to PhD, Masters and undergraduate students from Hokkaido University's Vet School and Research Institute for Zoonosis Control, in January, on the sensitive subject of euthanasia. Find out more about the session [visit our website](#)



3. **Presentation:** Rebecca Doyle (Deputy Director) presented at the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) [Regional animal welfare meeting in Tokyo](#) on issues of animal welfare and sustainable livestock systems. 28 of the 31 countries in the Asia Pacific were present, giving an excellent chance for dialogue. Many thanks to both WOAH and [A World of Good](#) for facilitating this.



4. **New free online course:** [Food Facts: from farm to form](#), launched by the Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems, University of Edinburgh, is for anyone interested in food system and its most interesting controversies and questions (including a section on animal welfare).



5. **Free online course for vets, vet nurses, and animal care professionals:** Register now - [Animal Welfare in the Clinic](#) four week course (12 hours CPD). 3,000 have already enrolled on the course, join now!

