



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:** Naydani, C. J., & Coombs, T. (2025). Exercise as a welfare strategy? Insights from horse (*Equus caballus*) owners in the UK. *Animal Welfare*, 34, e14.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/AWF.2025.11>



2. **Symposium:** The Global Agriculture and Food Systems Symposium on *The Future of Livestock in Global Food Systems* takes place on 25 April 2025. The symposium will explore livestock's role in nutrition and health, nature and climate change mitigation and adaptation, and in livelihoods and a just transition, in a range of contexts. Full details and registration on the [website](#).



3. **Free online programme (Hindi):** Wild Welfare and the University of Edinburgh launched the Hindi translation of the free online programme – **Wild About Welfare**. The 8 module self-directed learning course is aimed at animal care staff in zoos, wildlife sanctuaries, and aquariums. The online programme is also available in other languages. Find out more from the Wild Welfare website – [Hindi](#).



4. **Visit:** Cathy Dwyer (Director) attended the annual meeting of the EU-funded TechCare project in Alghero, Sardinia, which is investigating Precision Livestock Farming (PLF) approaches to welfare management of small ruminants. Novel technologies that may help to assess welfare in sheep and goats were discussed, and the team visited some Sardinia dairy goat and sheep farms.

