







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

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1. **PhD Scholarship:** Dr Izzy Terry has accepted a PhD scholarship from the R(D)SVS and will start here with our team in October. Izzy's project is *Predicting emerging issues of One Welfare and One Health and improving the care of Scotland's animals*.
 2. **New publication:** Naydani, C. et al. (2025) Development of a research tool leveraging theoretical frameworks to better understand One Health systems thinking among livestock farmers. *CABI One Health*. [Online] 4 (1). <https://doi.org/10.1079/cabionehealth.2025.001>
 3. **Conference presentation:** Cynthia Naydani presented at the [Behaviour Change for Health and Sustainability Conference](#) in Portugal, co-hosted by UCL and the Nova National School of Public Health, on her recent publication (see item 2 above).
 4. **New funding:** We are delighted to have secured significant new funding from the [Wild Animal Initiative](#) (WAI) to support teaching and research in the welfare of wild animals. The funding will support student and staff research projects to assess welfare in wild animals, seminars and new educational material in the welfare of free-living wild animals.
 5. **Workshop:** Dr Rebecca Doyle attended the Brooke's Global Disaster Risk Management Research on-line workshop which was held over two days. Further information about the Brooke can be found on their [website](#). You can find out more about their [research strategy](#) (PDF) and their [LinkedIn newsletter](#).
 6. **Workshop:** Prof. Cathy Dwyer took part in a 3-day workshop (run by NatureScot) focused on developing a National Strategy to protect wildcats in Scotland and develop a plan to ensure their survival. Wild cats are the only free-living top predator in Scotland and a thriving population can act as an indicator of healthy biodiversity.
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