



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. **Award:** The Animal Welfare Centre were joint winner in the category of 'Team Excellence' at the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh. [Awards web page](#)



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2. **Scholarships:** The Wild Animal Initiative offers two scholarships, one to a student on MSc Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare and one to a student on MSc International Animal Welfare, Ethics and Law. [Scholarships web page](#)



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3. **New publication:** Reeves, M.C., et al. (2025) Norwegian sheep farmers' perception of the advantages and disadvantages of Precision Livestock Farming (PLF) technologies. Journal of Rural Studies. vol. 117 - <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2025.103684>



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4. **Conference:** UFAW International Animal Welfare Conference 2025 (24-26 June 2025). Students and staff will be presenting and attending the conference. [Registration and details](#)



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5. **Forum:** Forum on Aquaculture Research Priorities and Women in Aquaculture: Scotland and Worldwide – 19 May 2025 (Edinburgh). The purpose is to bring together international and cross-sector perspectives to identify and align research priorities in salmon health—particularly across freshwater and marine stages—while fostering collaboration and showcasing initiatives that support equity and inclusion in aquaculture, with a focus on advancing the role of women in the sector.

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6. **Contribution:** The Animal Welfare Centre is delighted to be formally welcomed as a key member of the Technical Steering Group for the International Joint Research Centre for Animal Welfare in Beijing, which has been developed by Compassion in World Farming (China) and the Institute of Animal Sciences at the China Academy of Agricultural Science (CAAS).

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7. **Congratulations:** Prof Susan Jarvis and Dr Rebecca Doyle co-nominated for Best Supervisor in the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh.