



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 complete the [MS Form](#)

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1. **Connect with us:** We have a new LinkedIn [page](#) & a new email address AnimalWelfare.Centre@ed.ac.uk
 2. **Policy consultation:** Prof Susan Jarvis participated in the Round Table Discussion on Farrowing Crates, Chaired by Jim Fairlie – Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, Scotland
 3. **New publication:** Assessing the welfare of smallholder pigs in Vietnam with our collaborators International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) & the University of Sydney. Dang-Xuan, S. et al. (2025) Assessing the welfare of smallholder pigs in Vietnam using a pilot protocol. *Tropical animal health and production*. [Online] 57 (8), 392. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11250-025-04602-5>
 4. **New publication:** Gatehouse, E. et al. (2025) Assessment of a behavioral scale for the measurement of fear, anxiety and stress in dogs visiting the veterinary practice. *Journal of veterinary behavior*. [Online] <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jveb.2025.08.008>
 5. **New publication and conference:** Dr Rebecca Doyle (Centre Director) was a part of the team publishing the paper "Animal welfare for production and working animals: evidence and need for action". Rebecca presented key messages from this paper at the FAO 2025 Global Conference on Sustainable Livestock Transformation (29 Sept-1 Oct). Read more and link to publications - '[Featured Activities](#)' webpage
 6. **Visitors:** In September, colleagues from the Centre and the School met a group of veterinary students from Japan, as part of an established exchange programme with Hokkaido University. Read more on our '[Featured Activities](#)' webpage
 7. **Symposiums:** This World Animal Day, SRUC hosted a collaborative event with University of Edinburgh and University of Glasgow, with speakers and PhD students from all groups presenting their work. Prof Cathy Dwyer, previous director of the Animal Welfare Centre, presented at the China Animal Health and Food Safety Alliance (CAFA) on *A good life for pigs* and Dr Vicky Sandilands (SRUC) presented on *Broiler welfare*
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