



# Tails & Tales

## Animal Welfare Centre updates

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- 1. University of Edinburgh MSc Programme:** The MSc/PGDip/PGCert in Applied Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare is a full-time one year on-campus degree programme, positioned on the Vet School Campus, outside Edinburgh. The programme has a known international reputation and highly respected research and teaching staff. It offers graduates a wide range of career opportunities and advancements in animal behaviour and welfare. Visit the [website](#) for further information. Deadline for international applications is July 2026 and for UK applications is Aug 2026 – [apply now!](#)
- 2. Report:** The collaboration between Wild Welfare and the Animal Welfare Centre commenced more than five years ago. In 2021, a free-to-use digital education programme, *Wild About Welfare* was launched, to provide animal care staff with an opportunity to engage with a course (now in five languages) and has been accessed across 70 countries and with 33,000 downloads. [Read the report](#) and find out more about the programme.
- 3. Conferences:** Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour (ASAB) has various conferences throughout 2026 (including Bristol, Cambridge and Edinburgh). Visit the [website](#) for dates and abstracts/paper deadlines.
- 4. New publication:** Kosin, L., O'Hara, E., Johnston, A.R., Henderson, L.J. & Meddle, S.L. (2026) The effect of light during incubation and dark shelter enrichment on chick growth and behavior. *Poultry Sci.* 105:106144. doi: [10.1016/j.psj.2025.106144](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psj.2025.106144) Read the [news article](#)
- 5. New publication:** Clutton, R. E. (2026). *Pain and Suffering in Farmed Animals: First Steps in Better Understanding and Management*. (1st ed.). Springer.
- 6. New publication:** Watson, W., MacKay, J.R.D. and Dwyer, C. (2026) 'Friends, forage, freedom: A cluster analysis investigating horse management styles and welfare in the UK and Ireland', *Animal Welfare*, 35, p. e15. <https://doi.org/10.1017/awf.2026.10073>
- 7. Book review:** Naydani, C.J. (2026) 'Review of The Omnivore's Deception: What We Get Wrong About Meat, Animals, and Ourselves - John Sanbonmatsu (2025). Published by NYU Press, 360 pages. ISBN (hardback) 1479825964. Price \$30 (hardback).', *Animal Welfare*, 35, p. e9. doi:[10.1017/awf.2026.10067](https://doi.org/10.1017/awf.2026.10067).

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