



Animal Health Trust

# media release

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## **CHARITY BUCKET COLLECTORS WANTED!**

**The Animal Health Trust is looking for volunteers to help at its Gala Race Day**

The Animal Health Trust (AHT) is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to attend its Gala Race Day and help boost the charity's bucket collection throughout the day.

Last year the AHT raised over £1,000 to support its vital work, through bucket collections alone, at its Gala Race Day. Determined to raise more money this year, the AHT needs help from an army of volunteers to encourage race goers to support the charity on the day.

The AHT Gala Race Day is being held on Saturday 8 June at the July Racecourse in Newmarket; the first of the Summer Saturdays Live events. Evening entertainment is being provided by chart topping UK bands The Saturdays and Lawson, and promises to kick off the summer racing season in style!

The AHT needs extra volunteers to convince people to dig deep for its continued fight against disease and injury in animals. The AHT's work to combat infectious equine diseases such as Equine HerpesVirus, Strangles, equine influenza and equine grass sickness improves the health of horses not just in the UK, but all over the world.

Dr Mark Vaudin, Deputy Chief Executive of the AHT said: "We were amazed by the generosity of people last year, and want this year's AHT Gala Race Day to be bigger and better than ever.

“We need enthusiastic volunteers who are willing to interact with as many race goers as possible, to help us raise funds for our vital work improving the health and welfare of animals. If you would like to help us then we would love to hear from you!”

Volunteers will be provided with free entrance to the days racing events and, in return, will be required to stay until the end of the live performances to assist with bucket collections on the gates. If you would like to support the AHT by volunteering as a bucket collector, please contact Chloe Bowler on [chloe.bowler@aht.org.uk](mailto:chloe.bowler@aht.org.uk).

**Ends**

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**Additional notes:**

- The **Animal Health Trust** is an independent charity, employing over 200 scientists, vets and support workers. It aims to improve the health and welfare of horses, dogs and cats through research. It also provides specialist referral services and continuous education to vets. Visit our website at [www.aht.org.uk](http://www.aht.org.uk)