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SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITY AT NEWMARKET GALA RACE DAY

Newmarket hosts charity race day for the Animal Health Trust

On Saturday 31 May the July Racecourse in Newmarket plays host to an exciting fundraising Gala Race Day for the Animal Health Trust (AHT).

This is the first of the 2014 Summer Saturdays Live events at the July Course; with X Factor winner James Arthur performing, making this race day one not to be missed. Tickets are still available to buy from Newmarket Racecourses and start at just **£21**.

Dr Mark Vaudin, AHT Chief Executive Officer, said: "The AHT Gala Race Day Committee works tirelessly every year to put on a great fundraising event. Our hospitality marquee is once again sold out with more than 275 guests joining us on the day. I cannot thank the Committee enough for its efforts in creating what has become such an important event for the AHT."

The AHT, based just outside Newmarket in Kentford, is the charity which keeps our horses, dogs and cats healthy by fighting disease and injury in

these companion animals. Its work on infectious equine diseases such as: equine herpesvirus, Strangles, equine grass sickness and equine flu, supports the racing industry by ensuring horses in the UK and all over the world are fit to compete. This is complemented by the AHT's clinical expertise treating all horses and ponies with various complaints including lameness, poor performance and eye problems.

You can also support the AHT at the Newmarket Gala Race Day, by attending the day and donating all, or some, of your winnings into the various collection buckets you'll find around the course!

Alternatively, you can take part in the exclusive silent auction, which comprises some incredible 'money-can't-buy' prizes, including a Cheveley Park Stud tour, a private viewing of Frankel and a morning on the gallops with James Fanshawe, amongst others. To view a full list of auction items, and place your bids, visit the AHT website: www.aht.org.uk/galaraceday

Dr Mark Vaudin added: "I hope people coming along on the day will support the work of the AHT by giving generously. We are committed to supporting the racing industry through working to combat equine diseases. But in order to do this we rely on donations from the public. We need your help to keep horses healthy and fit to compete, so that we can all continue to enjoy equine sports such as racing."

To purchase tickets to the AHT Newmarket Gala race day visit:

<https://newmarkettickets.thejockeyclub.co.uk/online/seatSelect.asp>.

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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