



Animal Health Trust

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Charity Race helps the Animal Health Trust achieve phenomenal fundraising total

Local riders, business owners, residents and charity the Animal Health Trust are all celebrating following an outstanding fundraising event at Newmarket Racecourse on Saturday 27 June, which raised a phenomenal £52,000 for the charity's veterinary research.

An annual event which showcases the crucial role that the charity plays in the equine industry, this year's AHT Gala Race Day was better than ever, with fundraising activities including a raffle, auction and the charity's first ever Charity Race helping to draw in donations.

The Charity Race, which was won by local beautician Amy Drummond of Envy Beauty in Newmarket, accelerated the fundraising total and provided an exciting addition to the programme of the day. Amy battled her way to victory in an exhilarating race which was praised by spectators and race officials for its fierce competition which far exceeded that of a typical Charity Race.

Amy said, "Winning the AHT Charity Race was an amazing feeling. I enjoyed every part of it, from the fundraising to walking into the winners' enclosure. The biggest achievement for me, besides winning, was that all of the riders put in so much effort for this amazing charity and really worked as a team. Thanks to everyone who helped me achieve something I'll never forget, and to the AHT for a fantastic day!"

With committee members from various Newmarket businesses and six of the seven Charity Race riders residing in the town, the event was a true credit to the people of Newmarket who all worked tirelessly to ensure it was a success. This year's fundraising total far exceeded previous years' profits, providing the committee with a super challenge to beat the total next year.

Noel Byrne, Chair of the Committee and Managing Director of the Bedford Lodge Hotel and Spa, said, "The AHT Gala Race Day is a culmination of the hard work of the committee on behalf of the AHT, but more importantly, it shows how well supported the AHT is by both local and regional guests as well as many from much further afield. This year was our most successful day to date, and we look forward to achieving bigger and better results next year with the support of all our guests."

A table at the Animal Health Trust's Gala Race Day makes a perfect day out with friends and family or an ideal way to entertain business clients. If you're interested in attending next year's event, keep an eye on www.aht.org.uk/galaraceday for more details as they become available.

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Additional notes:

The Animal Health Trust (AHT) 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. For more information, visit www.aht.org.uk