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ANIMAL HEALTH TRUST UK EQUESTRIAN AWARDS 2013 25th anniversary of annual equestrian celebration

Equestrian excellence will be celebrated at the 25th UK Equestrian Awards at the Lancaster London on Thursday 7 November 2013.

The Animal Health Trust's (AHT) Equestrian Awards is a unique celebration and one of the highlights on the equestrian calendar. This year's ceremony is believed to be the biggest event to date and will be hosted by the AHT's President, HRH The Princess Royal.

The 2013 event will celebrate equestrian achievement from the past 25 years, and highlight the important role the AHT has played in ensuring that horses are healthy and remain fit for function over this time.

This prestigious awards ceremony, sponsored by Carpetright, is attended by over 400 guests from all walks of the equestrian world and is a vital fundraising event for the Newmarket-based charity.

This year awards will be presented in seven categories:

DRESSAGE AWARD

EVENTING AWARD

BRITISH SHOWJUMPING AWARD

BET SOLUTIONS INTERNATIONAL RACING AWARD

SEIB VOLUNTARY SERVICE AWARD

VETERINARY AWARD

ANIMAL HEALTH TRUST SPECIAL AWARD

Last year's winners were:

The Dressage Award – Team GB Olympic Gold Medal team and Team GB Paralympic Gold Medal Team

The Showjumping Award – Team GB Gold Medal Team

The Eventing Award – Team GB Silver Medal Team

The Racing Award – Frankel

The Voluntary Service Award – Olympic Games Makers

Equine Vet of the Year – Keith Chandler, Kessock Equine Vets in Inverness

The Animal Health Trust Special Award was presented to The Lord Harris of Peckham, to celebrate a lifetime of outstanding achievement and contribution to equestrianism.

Chloe Bowler, of the AHT, said: "The AHT Equestrian Awards has become a notable event in the equestrian calendar, and is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the outstanding equestrian achievement our British equestrians continue to deliver. For our charity it also plays a very important role; raising vital funds to ensure we can continue to fight disease and injury in horses.

"We're very much looking forward to this year's event and would encourage people to join the celebration by purchasing tickets for the star-studded event from our website."

For further information on the Equestrian Awards, please visit

www.aht.org.uk/equestrianawards

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Photo: HRH The Princess Royal, President of the AHT, presents the Dressage Award to the GB Olympic and Paralympic gold medal winning Dressage teams at the 2012 Equestrian Awards.