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ROYAL VISITOR FOR CHARITY RACE DAY

HRH The Princess Royal will attend a charity race day at Bangor On Dee Racecourse benefitting a veterinary research charity she has been President of for more than 20 years.

Chester-based Anne Duchess of Westminster's Charity is hosting the day on 11 November which will help raise vital funds for the Animal Health Trust (AHT).

The Animal Health Trust, based in Suffolk, works nationally and internationally to fight disease and injury in animals through research, clinical care and education. Established in 1942, the veterinary research charity develops new diagnostic tests, treatments and vaccines to help thousands of animals. Nearly all horses, dogs and cats in the UK will have benefitted from its work.

This is the 10th Race Day the Anne Duchess of Westminster's Charity has generously sponsored. This year's event is a particularly important fundraising event for the AHT as all the money raised from the day will directly fund its work.

Dr Mark Vaudin, Chief Executive of the AHT, said: "We are delighted to be the benefitting charity of the Anne Duchess of Westminster's Charity. The charity has supported a number of our key research programmes in recent years, and, as we receive no government funding, it is support like this that enables us to progress veterinary medicine and make such a difference for horses, dogs and cats in the UK and across the world.

With our President HRH The Princess Royal in attendance the day will be even more special. We're very much looking forward to meeting people from the local area who our work benefits and, hopefully, raising lots of money to assist with our important veterinary research."

A spokesman on behalf of the Anne Duchess of Westminster's Charity, said: "We are very pleased that such a worthwhile and important charity as AHT has been nominated for this year. We are especially delighted that HRH The Princess Royal is able to join us for what is always a really enjoyable day."

Hospitality packages including champagne reception, sumptuous sit down lunch with wine, afternoon tea and a charity auction are available from the AHT. Please email hester.abbatt@aht.org.uk for further information. General admission tickets can be purchased from www.bangorondeeraces.co.uk

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Photographs:

A photograph of HRH The Princess Royal attending a previous AHT race day is available on request from Farrah Owens at the AHT.

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
- **Anne Duchess of Westminster's Charity** works throughout England, Wales and Scotland to support charities associated with horse racing, the disabled and disadvantaged amongst others. Visit our website at www.adwc.org.uk