



Dr Eva Kirsten Elisabet Rausing

Honorary Associateship

Dr Kirsten Rausing is a Swedish-born thoroughbred breeder, who has made outstanding contributions to equine health and welfare through her work for the thoroughbred racing industry and her support of veterinary education and research.

Kirsten has bred over 1,000 thoroughbred winners worldwide during her career, managing stud farms in Sweden and Ireland, and currently owns Lanwades and St Simon Studs in Newmarket and Staffordstown Stud in Ireland. Her family business is a world-leader in the development and provision of milking equipment for dairy cattle, contributing to her close affinity and support for the veterinary profession.

Kirsten has played an active role on numerous committees and advisory groups of major strategic importance. This has included acting as chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association and its veterinary committee, membership of the Horserace Betting Levy Board's Codes of Practice for the Prevention of Equine Contagious Diseases Subcommittee, and The Jockey Club Veterinary Committee. A recent important role is as a trustee for the Racing Foundation, a charity that supports veterinary research by distributing funds raised by the sale of the Tote.

In 2001, Kirsten founded the Alborada Trust, *which supports the funding of veterinary causes in the UK and Ireland, with activities primarily devoted to the welfare of animals and their associated research*. The Trust has provided financial assistance for numerous veterinary projects, including those at the Animal Health Trust, the Association of Veterinary Anaesthetists and a number of UK veterinary schools, including the building of a new equine surgery facility at Bristol University.

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Kirsten is committed to training the next generation of veterinarians; every year she hosts students undertaking equine elective projects at her Newmarket stud farms, enabling them to gain insight into thoroughbred breeding as practised at the highest level.

Through her understanding of veterinary issues that affect thoroughbred breeding and racing, especially those involving infectious diseases, Kirsten constantly strives to improve standards and has made invaluable, perceptive contributions to the development of the equine veterinary profession.