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HAGYARD EQUINE MEDICAL INSTITUTE NAMED AN OFFICIAL PARTNER OF BREEDERS' CUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

LEXINGTON, Ky. (June 23, 2015) – The Breeders' Cup announced today an agreement with Hagyard Equine Medical Institute which makes Hagyard an official partner of the Breeders' Cup World Championships in the Equine First Response Unit category.

The 32nd Breeders' Cup, consisting of 13 grade one races and \$26 million in purses and awards, will be held for the first time at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington on October 30-31.

As part of the agreement, Hagyard, one of the world's leading veterinary facilities overseeing state of the art treatments and surgeries in the equine field, will provide and administer the Equine Trauma Unit ambulance with expert personnel on-site during Breeders' Cup morning workouts Monday, October 26 – Saturday, October 31, and will provide the ambulance and equine trauma unit during the Prelude to the Championships on Thursday, October 29 and both Breeders' Cup World Championship days on Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31. Hagyard will also administer all blood sampling and temperature readings of all international World Championships participants.

In addition, Hagyard will be the name-in-title of the shuttle service which will transport the horsemen and international guests from the Breeders' Cup stable area on Rice Road to the front side racetrack locations of the Keeneland Racing Office and to the Breeders' Cup Trackside Breakfast Marquee.

"Hagyard has established a prominent position in our industry as a leader and innovator in Equine First Response," said Craig Fravel, Breeders' Cup President and CEO. "We greatly value the safety and security protocols established for this year's Championships and are pleased that Hagyard has joined us in those initiatives."

"The doctors and staff at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute are proud to be a corporate partner at the 2015 Breeders Cup World Championships," said Dr. Stuart E. Brown, II, DVM, a partner at Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. "With our rich history in the Lexington community, we are equally pleased to play such a tangible role at the Keeneland Race Course in helping to assure the health and safety of all our equine athletes and the needs of the horsemen who care for them."

About Breeders' Cup

The Breeders' Cup administers the Breeders' Cup World Championships, Thoroughbred racing's year-end Championships. The Breeders' Cup also administers the Breeders' Cup Challenge qualifying series, which provides automatic starting positions into the Championships races. The 2015 Breeders' Cup World Championships, consisting of 13 grade I races and purses totaling \$26 million, will be held October 30-Oct. 31 at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Ky., and will be televised live by the NBC Sports Group. Breeders' Cup press releases appear on the Breeders' Cup Web site, www.breederscup.com. You can also follow the Breeders' Cup on social media platforms [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), Snapchat and [YouTube](#).

About Hagyard Equine Medical Institute

Founded in 1876, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute is one of the oldest and largest veterinary facilities in the world. Based in Lexington, Kentucky, Hagyard has more than 50 veterinarians and a well-educated and experienced staff of support personnel. Their facility boasts superior ambulatory services, the world-renowned Davidson Surgery Center, McGee Medicine and Fertility Centers, Hagyard Laboratory, Hagyard Sports Medicine & Podiatry Center, hyperbaric medicine facilities, MRI and equine rescue services.