



## HAYDON AND WHITE NAMED TO NEW POSITIONS AT FOUNDATION

Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation has named Jamie Haydon vice president and Holly White director of development, effective April 17th.

The announcement was made by Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation Chairman Dell Hancock.

Both of them will report to Hancock and Edward L. Bowen, the president of the foundation, and will be based in The Jockey Club's Lexington, Ky., office.



Haydon, a graduate of the University of Kentucky and a resident of Versailles, Ky., joined The Jockey Club staff in 2008 as the manager of industry initiatives after stints with the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, Four Star Sales, and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

In the new position, he will help oversee daily administration and operations of the foundation. He will also continue to lend support to the foundation's equine health and safety initiatives, such as the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit and The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Safety Committee.

When asked about his equine experiences, Jamie shared the following:

“On April 4, 1987, She’s a Sleeper finished first in an \$11,000 claiming race at Keeneland. An 11-year-old boy who decided to bet \$2 across the board on that filly because his mother had lingered for awhile in bed that snowy morning, was hooked.

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*Jamie with son, Alex and wife Jennifer at Keeneland.*

“The horse has been a central point in my career and life ever since. I spent two summers on the Keeneland maintenance crew as a teenager and did internships at the Breeders’ Cup and Ascot Racecourse while attending the University of Kentucky.

“After graduation, my professional career started with experiences in sales, breeding and regulation.

“My time here at The Jockey Club, and my experiences assisting Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation with our Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit, have brought a deep interest in equine health and I look forward to acting on behalf of this great animal in my new role.

“To borrow a quote often uttered by the longtime chairman The Jockey Club chairman, Ogden Mills Phipps, ‘We need to stand up for the horse when nobody else will.’

“I cherish this role.”



Holly White, a graduate of Alfred University and a resident of Bloomfield, N.Y., previously served in various fund-raising capacities for the Rochester Regional Health Foundation, the University of Rochester, Keuka College, and the St. John's Foundation. She also served as a public relations assistant for the Equine

Marketing Group and Reichert Celebration and for the Alfred University Equestrian Center.

Holly elaborated on her position.

“During my orientation in the first few weeks with Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, I had the chance to sit with a number of staff members to learn about their roles and responsibilities in The Jockey Club’s various companies and divisions. I was frequently asked, ‘So what brought you to Grayson?’ My response would generally be ‘The opportunity to combine my passion for horses and philanthropy together in my daily work.’ However, the more I have thought on this question it has come to light that sometimes paths cross for a reason.

“In 2013, my horse Gus presented with a case of severe colic that required surgery at Cornell Animal Hospital in Ithaca, NY. Although he recovered well initially, he subsequently developed adhesions in his abdomen. This resulted in his colon being permanently trapped in the wrong position, which caused recurrent



*Holly and Gus.*

bouts of colic. With the help of Cornell’s nutrition service, Dr. Emily Barrell and Dr. Jon Cheetham, Gus was transitioned to a low bulk diet, which has helped him overcome his colic and get back to work. This is a testament to the value of not only a strong veterinary-client-patient relationship, but more importantly the outcomes veterinary research developments have. Without the research and science behind colic Gus would not be here today.

“Dr. Jon Cheetham is a Grayson-funded researcher. Who would have known that I would someday be working for the very organization that funded research completed by a veterinarian that was an integral part of a team that saved my horse’s life. I am honored to be a part of the Grayson team and to continue to build on the wonderful work Grayson makes possible.

“Then people will remark, ‘Wow, and all of this . . . because of a horse, for the horse!’ ”

"These two appointments will fortify our foundation at a time when we have just announced a record level of funding," Hancock said. "Jamie brings a wealth of knowledge about the Thoroughbred industry and a long list of contacts while Holly is well versed in fund raising and maintains a long-lasting commitment to equine health and soundness. We are fortunate to have both of them, and we welcome them to the foundation."

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