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Dr. Lydia Gray Appointed to Serve as Illinois Racing Board Commissioner

Chicago, IL – On Thursday April 8, 2021, Governor JB Pritzker announced the appointment of Dr. Lydia Gray to serve as a Commissioner on the Illinois Racing Board. Dr. Gray is a licensed veterinarian, graduating from the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine (DVM).

“I want to thank Governor Pritzker and his staff for choosing such a highly qualified individual to serve on the Racing Board,” said Domenic DiCera Illinois Racing Board Executive Director. “Dr. Gray has been active in veterinary medicine for many years. Her experience working with veterinary associations in Illinois and around the country will be a real asset to the board.”

Dr Lydia Gray is a current member and former employee of the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP). She has served on the Public Relations, Owner Education, and Equine Welfare committees of the AAEP and is a current member and past president of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA). Additionally, Dr. Gray is a popular writer and speaker, with countless articles, blogs, webinars, videos, podcasts, and speaking engagements to her credit.

Dr. Gray is a life-long horse owner, and currently competes in the disciplines of dressage and combined driving. She lives in Elburn, Il with her husband Dr. Todd Gray, who is also a veterinarian.

The mission of the Illinois Racing Board is to regulate pari-mutuel horse racing and support the development of the equine industry. The goal of the Board is to advance a regulatory environment that benefits the equine industry and to ensure that the public has confidence in the integrity of pari-mutuel horse racing.

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