

## **ALISON MOORE**

Cambridge, Ontario

**Nominated as: Active Director, Ontario Region**

I am an equine internist residing with my partner, trainer/driver Dan O'Brian, and daughters Rachel and Jessica in Cambridge, Ontario. Although not originally from a horse racing background, I became embraced by the harness racing "family" during my internship at the Atlantic Veterinary College, PEI. Shortly after returning to Ontario, I acquired my first Standardbred broodmare and have been involved in the industry as an owner, breeder and veterinarian ever since.

Professionally, I became Board Certified in Large Animal Internal Medicine in 2000 and have developed an equine internal medicine specialty practice that focuses on performance problems in racehorses. I am also the North American Equine Medical Consultant for IDEXX Laboratories. My love for racing keeps me busy as I also provide occasional services as the Official Veterinarian at Woodbine/Mohawk Racetrack and Woodstock Raceway. I have been past-president of the Ontario Association of Equine Practitioners (OAEP), have served on the Scientific Advisory Committee to the Drug and Medication Task Force of the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC), the Standardbred Rules Amendment Working Group, and am presently sitting my second term as councilor for the College of Veterinarians of Ontario (the provincial regulatory body for veterinarians). I am a member of the American Association of Equine Practitioners Biologics and Therapeutics Committee, and represent the OAEP on the ORC Horse Racing Industry Consultation Group.

I bring the unique perspective of someone who is not only involved in provincial regulatory and policy-making activities but who is a practising veterinarian interacting with owners, trainers, caretakers, and drivers on a daily basis. Veterinarians often serve as impartial sounding boards for the frustrations and opinions of many in the industry. It is through these conversations that I continue to see a fragmented industry lacking the thread that links them together; a unified goal. Most importantly, though, veterinarians are the equine guardians and key opinion leaders with respect to the health and welfare of the racehorse and any decisions regarding the future of this industry must keep the Standardbred horse at the core of the focus – a challenge I would wholeheartedly accept.