



## ***VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD***

### ***CITATION FOR DR. SOPHIA RAMLAL***

*Currently employed to the Jamaica Racing Commission (JRC) to ensure that the Commission's regulatory functions are fulfilled, Dr Sophia Ramlal directly supervises the testing barn at Caymanas Park. She is one of the few-known women practicing large animal medicine on a day-to-day basis in the English-speaking Caribbean.*

*After graduating from St. Mary High School and the College of Science and Education, Dr. Ramlal obtained her B.Sc. degree from Cornell University in the USA. She subsequently returned home to work in the Veterinary Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Jamaica Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for two years.*

*She later returned to the United States where she attended veterinary school at Tuskegee, in Alabama, and during the summer months worked with the JRC while on holidays.*

*After graduating from Tuskegee, Dr Ramlal did her internship at Virginia Tech in large animal medicine. On completion, she returned to Jamaica and has been employed to the JRC for the past 14 years.*

*Apart from her work at the Jamaica Racing Commission, Dr. Ramlal has served the Jamaica Veterinary Medical Association (JVMA) with distinction arranging races over the past two years at Caymanas Park dedicated to the JVMA to commemorate World Veterinary Day.*

*Dr. Ramlal played a pivotal role in crafting the guidelines for continuing education for veterinarians registered to practice in Jamaica.*

*It is for these reasons that Dr. Sophia Ramlal is being recognized by her peers and is hereby being presented with the award of “Veterinarian of the Year 2013-2014”*