

and currently has 500 horses out on loan in Guardian homes.

Horse Play Raises Money for Strangles



If you're a fan of horses, sunshine and having a good time, then an upcoming polo day is sure to be your perfect day out!

Leading equestrian clothing brand, Puffa, who are also partners of the AHT/BHS *Breaking the Strangles Hold* campaign are holding the day at Sussex Polo Club in August to raise funds and awareness for the campaign.

Everyone is invited to watch the exciting polo action and help support the campaign. The event promises to be fun-filled and action-packed, with something for all the family. You can take along your own picnic or treat yourself to food or champagne from on-site caterers.

of clothing.

There will also be a bouncy castle, charity auction, goody bags and opportunities to shop, with Puffa stockists Frogpool Manor promoting the special Strangles polo shirts and their new range

AHT Strangles researchers and scientists will be around on the day to answer any questions you might have on the disease or the work we're doing to eradicate it, and members of the fundraising team will be able to help with any other queries you might have!

The Strangles campaign continues to make great progress, with the total raised so far standing at £159,000.

The event takes place on Sunday 10th August at Sussex Polo Club. Gates open at 12pm. Entry is £5 per car, or free if anyone in your party is wearing a Puffa Strangles polo shirt. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads. All profits made from the day will go directly to the *Breaking the Strangles Hold* campaign.

To buy a polo shirt or tickets to the event, visit www.puffa.com

For more information on the campaign, go to www.strangles.org

Eye of the Tiger

In February 2008, experts from the Animal Health Trust (AHT) in Newmarket, Suffolk, flew to Tenerife, along with Andrew Greenwood of the International Zoo Veterinary Group, to perform a tricky cataract operation on one of the world's rarest creatures: the white tiger.

The AHT team consisted of Dr Keith Barnett and David Donaldson, two ophthalmologists who normally perform the procedure on dogs and cats. David acknowledged that carrying it out on a tiger presented more risk, as there are obvious limitations when assessing the beast in the first place! "



A close examination of the eye is not possible – unless you're feeling particularly brave!" he explained. Prince, the big cat, lives at Loro



Parque, a beautiful, exotic wildlife park in Puerto de la Cruz, with mate Saba, a tiger of regular colouring. The park is also home to four gorillas and the world's largest collection of parrots. Prince had been living with cataracts for a while, and was completely blind, so the experts were sent out to restore the animal's vision. "In order to perform the cataract surgery, a general anaesthesia is necessary which initially involves using a 'dart gun' to deliver a dose of sedative medication," said David. "It was very important that the tiger was fully sedated before the anaesthetists entered the

enclosure to place the breathing tube in his lungs. It was also essential that the depth of anaesthesia was monitored very closely, so the tiger remained fully asleep throughout the procedure."