

## **New Pastures for Equine Advisor Erin Pittman**

After nearly 10 years with the IAA, Equine Advisor Erin Pittman has decided to leave the University of Maryland to spend more time with her twin boys, help on the farm and pursue new equine interests. She and her husband, Steuart, started a non-profit venture, The Retired Racehorse Training Project <http://www.retiredracehorsetraining.org>, and she will be devoting much of her time to promoting the new project.



Erin moved from Westminster, CO, to join the IAA faculty in August 2001, and immediately jumped into the task of developing the then-new Equine Business Management program. Erin brought with her a strong nutrition background, but she was also skilled in equine physiology and interpersonal communication. She immersed herself in the Maryland horse industry and proved to be a strong asset to the IAA program. For many years, she headed the educational seminars at the Horse World Expo and served on the Maryland Horse Industry Board.

Erin says, “This is an exciting, but also slightly scary move. I will very much miss teaching and working with my students.” Chances are high, however, that her former students will run into Erin frequently at various events, as she plans to remain active in Maryland horse circles.