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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	)	
	)	Docket Nos. 12-0624
Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom,	)	12-0638
	)	12-0643
	)	13-0019
	)	13-0028
	)	13-0030
Respondent	)	13-0035

Consolidated Consent Decision and Order as to  
Respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom

These proceedings were instituted under the Horse Protection Act ("Act"), as amended (15 U.S.C. § 1821 et seq.), by complaints filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondent violated the Act. This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of each complaint (as set forth below) and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

It is expressly agreed that this Consent Decision and Order will resolve all alleged violations of the Horse Protection Act by Respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom up to the date of this

Order, including any which may not have been part of a formal complaint.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

#### Findings of Fact

A. Respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom is an individual whose mailing address is 1713 Brief Road East, Monroe, NC 28110.

B. At all times material hereto, respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom was the trainer of the horse known as "I'm Rocky Balboa" and exhibited this horse as Entry No. 748, Class No. 50, on June 20, 2009, at the East Tennessee Walking Horse Classic Horse Show at White Pine, Tennessee. (Docket No. 12-0604)

C. At all times material hereto, respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom was a trainer of the horse known as "Charged At The Ritz" and entered this horse as Entry No. 460, Class No. 42, on July 10, 2009, at the Land-O-The-Sky Summer Festival at Fletcher, North Carolina. (Docket No. 12-0624)

D. At all times material hereto, respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom was a trainer of the horse known as "Royal Luck" and entered this horse as Entry No. 52, Class No. 15, on May 21, 2009, at the 39th Annual Spring Fun Show at Shelbyville, Tennessee. (Docket No. 12-0638)

E. At all times material hereto, respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom was the trainer of the horse known as "I'm Wall Street" and entered this horse as Entry No. 284, Class No. 33B, on August 27, 2009, at the 71st Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration at Shelbyville, Tennessee. (Docket No.

12-0643)

F. At all times material hereto, respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom was a trainer of the horse known as "Jammin The Blues" and entered this horse as Entry No. 118, Class No. 57, on October 9, 2010, at the North Carolina Championship Walking Horse Show at Ashville, North Carolina. (Docket No. 13-0019)

G. At all times material hereto, respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom was the trainer of the horse known as "I'm The Gambler" and entered this horse as Entry No. 628, Class No. 25, on October 22, 2010, at the East Tennessee Walking Horse Association Fall Classic Horse Show at White Pine, Tennessee. (Docket No. 13-0028)

H. At all times material hereto, respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom was a trainer of the horse known as "The Games We Play" and entered this horse as Entry No. 628, Class No. 32, on October 22, 2010, at the East Tennessee Walking Horse Association Fall Classic Horse Show at White Pine, Tennessee. (Docket No. 13-0030 )

I. At all times material hereto, respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom was a trainer of the horse known as "Beretta Mama" and entered this horse as Entry No. 259, Class No. 26B, on October 8, 2010, at the North Carolina Championship Walking Horse Show at Ashville, North Carolina. (Docket No. 13-0035)

#### Conclusions

Respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry

of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

Respondent Brice Edwin "Eddie" Baucom Baucom is disqualified for an uninterrupted period of five years Beginning January 1, 2013, from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction. For the purposes of this Order, "participating" means engaging in any activity beyond that of a spectator and includes, without limitation, transporting or arranging for the transportation of horses to or from any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, personally giving instructions to exhibitors, and being present in the warm-up or inspection areas, or in any area where spectators are not allowed. Jurisdiction is retained for the limited purpose of enforcement of this paragraph.

This order shall have the same effect as if entered after a full hearing and shall become effective upon issuance.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.



Jack G. Heffington  
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Robert A. Ertman  
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Done at Washington, D.C.  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2013



Administrative Law Judge

JANICE K. BULLARD