



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Robert Jones,) Docket No. 13-0369
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Respondent.)

CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER

This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act ("Act"), as amended (15 U.S.C. § 1821 et seq.), by a complaint 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 admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint 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.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Robert Jones is an individual whose mailing address is 1330 Pebble Creek Road, Memphis TN 38120. At all times mentioned herein said respondent was the owner of the horse known as "Up for Parole."

2. On or about August 27, 2011, respondent Robert Jones entered and allowed the entry of, for the purpose of showing or exhibiting, the horse known as "Up for Parole," entry number 1501, class number 80A, at the 73rd Annual Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration in Shelbyville, TN.

Conclusions

Respondent having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

Respondent Robert Jones is disqualified for one continuous year 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. "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 equine events, personally giving instructions to exhibitors, being present in the warm-up or inspection areas, or in any area where spectators are not allowed, and financing the participation of others in equine events.

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

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

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Robert Jones
Respondent

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BRIAN HILL
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 3rd day of January, 2014

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Administrative Law Judge

for
Jill S. O'Hara
US Administrative Law Judge