



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)
)
Samuel Martin and Rae Martin)
d/b/a Rae Martin Stables,) HPA Docket No. 13-0283
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)
Respondents.)

Consent Decision and Order as to Rae Martin

These proceedings were 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 respondents violated the Act.¹ 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 Rae Martin admits the jurisdictional allegations as set forth herein 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 Rae Martin is an individual whose mailing address is 445 Marcellus Rd., Leesville, SC 29070.

¹ Complainant is dismissing the complaint against Samuel Martin.

2. On or about April 26, 2012, respondent Rae Martin entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "Jose's Miss Dolly" as entry number 106 in class number 84, at the 74th Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusions

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

Order

1. Respondent Rae Martin is disqualified for eight (8) months 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 respondent.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.


Rae Martin
Respondent


Thomas B. Kakassy
Attorney for Respondent


Frank Martin, Jr.
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 6th day of May, 2014


Administrative Law Judge