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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Stephen Raley,	)	Docket No. 15-0004 (HPA)
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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 Stephen Raley, 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 Stephen Raley ("Respondent"), is an individual whose mailing address is (b) (6) [redacted], Texas (b) (6) [redacted] At all times mentioned herein said Respondent was the owner of the horse known as "Jose Beam."

2. On or about March 30, 2013, Respondent allowed the entry for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "Jose Beam" as entry number 257 in class number 105, at the Mississippi Charity Horse Show, in Jackson, MS.

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 is disqualified for one (1) 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. The disqualification period shall begin on April 1, 2016 and end on April 1, 2017.

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

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

[redacted]

STEPHEN RALEY
Respondent

[redacted]

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Done at Washington, D.C.
this 22 day of FEB, 2016

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JANICE K. BULLARD
Administrative Law Judge