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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Elesia Hylton and)	
Crystal Young,)	HPA Docket No. D 08-0043
)	
)	Consent Decision
Respondents)	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 respondents 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).

Respondents Elesia Hylton and Crystal Young admit the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, and deny the remaining allegations, waive oral hearing and further procedure, and consent and agree, 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 Elesia Hylton is an individual whose mailing address is 2586 Rockwood Park Road, Bassett, Virginia 24055. At all times mentioned herein said respondent was the owner of the horse known as "Clutch's Cotton."

2. Respondent Crystal Young is an individual whose mailing address is 2249 Providence Church Road, Henry, Virginia 24102.

3. On July 21, 2007, respondents Elesia Hylton and Crystal Young entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "Clutch's Cotton" as entry number 454 in class number 34, at the New London Ruritan Club Horse Show in Forest, Virginia.

4. On July 21, 2007, respondent Elesia Hylton allowed the entry for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "Clutch's Cotton" as entry number 454 in class number 34, at the New London Ruritan Club Horse Show in Forest, Virginia.

5. On July 21 2007, respondent Crystal Young showed or exhibited the horse known as "Clutch's Cotton" as entry number 454 in class number 34, at the New London Ruritan Club Horse Show in Forest, Virginia.

Conclusions

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

Order

Respondents Elesia Hylton and Crystal Young are each disqualified for six months beginning on October 1, 2008, 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.

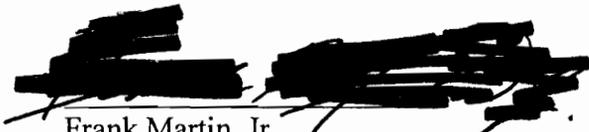
“Participating” means engaging in any activity beyond that of a spectator, and includes, without limitation, transporting or arranging for the transportation of horses to or from equine events, personally giving instructions to exhibitors, being present in the warm-up or inspection areas, or in any area 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.

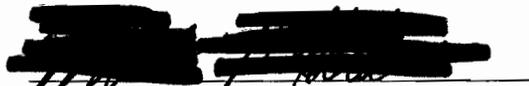
Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.


Elesia Hylton
Respondent


Crystal Young
Respondent


Frank Martin, Jr.
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 6th day of May, 2008


Administrative Law Judge