

**In re: BRUCE J. SIEDLECKI, JEFFREY L. GREEN, AND CHARLES R. GREEN, d/b/a CHARLIE GREEN STABLES.  
HPA Docket No. 00-0004.  
Decision and Order filed July 3, 2000.**

Frank Martin, Jr., for Complainant.  
Respondent, Pro se.

*Decision and Order issued by Edwin S. Bernstein, Administrative Law Judge.*

This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. § 1821 *et seq.*)(the "Act"), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondents willfully violated the Act.

The Hearing Clerk served on the respondents, by mail, copies of the complaint and the Rules of Practice governing proceedings under the Act (7 C.F.R. §§ 1.130-1.151). The respondents were informed in the accompanying letter of service that an answer should be filed pursuant to the Rules of Practice and that failure to answer any allegation in the complaint would constitute an admission of that allegation. Respondent Bruce J. Siedlecki has failed to file an answer within the time prescribed in the Rules of Practice, and the material facts alleged in the complaint, which are admitted by said respondent's failure to file an answer, are adopted and set forth herein as Findings of Fact. This decision and order is issued pursuant to section 1.139 of the Rules of Practice.

**Findings of Fact**

Respondent Bruce J. Siedlecki is an individual whose mailing address is 379 Riverbend Road, Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160, and at all times material herein was the owner of the horse known as "I Like Cash." On June 19, 1999, respondent Bruce J. Siedlecki exhibited "I Like Cash" as Entry No. 166 in Class No. 11, at the Eagleville Lions Club Horse Show in Eagleville, Tennessee (the "Eagleville Show").

**Conclusions of Law**

On June 19, 1999, respondent Bruce J. Siedlecki exhibited "I Like Cash" as Entry No. 166 in Class No. 11, at the Eagleville Show, while the horse was sore, in violation of section 5(2)(A) of the Act (15 U.S.C. § 1824(2)(A)).

**Order**

1. Respondent Bruce J. Siedlecki is assessed a civil penalty of \$2,000.
2. Respondent Bruce J. Siedlecki is disqualified for one year from showing,

exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, family member, corporation, partnership, 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 any area where spectators are not allowed, and financing the participation of others in equine events.

The provisions of this order shall become effective on the first day after this decision becomes final. This decision becomes final without further proceedings 35 days after service as provided in sections 1.142 and 1.145 of the Rules of Practice. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

[This Decision and Order became final August 15, 2000.-Editor]

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