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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	HPA Docket No. 17-0023
)	HPA Docket No. 17-0025
	TRISTA BROWN, an individual; and)	
	KELLY PEAVY, an individual,)	
)	CONSENT DECISION AND
	Respondents.)	ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT
	•)	TRISTA BROWN

This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act (15 U.S.C. § 1821 et seq.)(HPA or Act), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (APHIS), on December 23, 2016, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Trista Brown admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint, specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, and waives oral hearing and further procedure. The parties consent and agree to the entry of this decision for the purpose of settling this proceeding as to respondent Brown, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by her occurring up to and including September 4, 2017. 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).

Findings of Fact

- 1. Respondent Trista Brown is an individual residing in and at all times mentioned herein was a "person" and an "exhibitor," as those terms are defined in the regulations promulgated under the Act (9 C.F.R. Parts 11 and 12).
- 2. On or about August 25, 2016, respondent Brown allowed the entry of a horse she owned (That's My Luck), for showing in class 29 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusion of Law

Respondent Brown having admitted the findings of fact set forth above, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

- 1. Respondent Trista Brown is disqualified for four months, beginning January 1, 2018, and ending April 30, 2018, 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, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device.
- 2. Respondent Trista Brown is assessed a civil penalty of \$550, which shall be paid by November 1, 2017, by check made payable to USDA/APHIS, indicating that the payment is in reference to HPA Docket No. 17-0023, and sent to:

USDA, APHIS, MISCELLANEOUS P.O. Box 979043 St. Louis, Missouri 63197-9000

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[&]quot;Participating" means engaging in any activity beyond that of a spectator in connection with a horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, 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 provisions of this order shall be final and effective as of September 4, 2017. This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

Trista Brown Respondent Robin L. Webb Attorney for Respondent

Colleen A. Carroll
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C., this fy day of Morante 2017

Bobbie J. McCartney
Chief Administrative Law Judge

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