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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE 2012 JAN 23 PM 1:57

In re:)
)
Romney L. Harris,)
)
Respondent)

Docket No. 11F0B50

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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 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.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Romney L. Harris is an individual whose mailing address is 1783 Thomas Moore Road, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431.

2. At all times material hereto, respondent Romney L. Harris was the owner and trainer of the horse known as "Dollar's Worth" and entered this horse as Entry No. 33, Class No. 76, on

September 22, 2007, at the 41st Annual Kentucky Celebration,
Liberty, Kentucky.

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 an uninterrupted period of one 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. For the purposes of this Order, "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 any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, personally giving instructions to exhibitors, being present in the warm-up or inspection areas, or in any area where spectators are not allowed. Jurisdiction is retained for the limited purpose of enforcement of this paragraph.

This order shall have the same effect as if entered after a full hearing and shall become effective on the first day after service of this decision on the respondent.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

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Romney L. Harris
Respondent

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Robert A. Ertman
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 23rd day of December, 2011
JANUARY 2012

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Administrative Law Judge

JANICE K BULLARD

Dear Sir,

I do not agree with this decision, but do not have finances to dispute.