

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0142
	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0144
MIKE CHANDLER, an individual;	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0148
NANCY EVANS, an individual;	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0152
MARTHA MILLIGAN, an individual;	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0155
PAUL DAVID ROBBINS, an individual;	)	
and BILL WEBB, an individual,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	CONSENT DECISION AND
	)	ORDER AS TO MIKE CHANDLER

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 January 12, 2017, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Mike Chandler admits the jurisdictional allegations in the amended 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 Chandler, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by him occurring up to and including September 2, 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 Mike Chandler is an individual residing in [REDACTED] 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 26, 2016, respondent Chandler allowed the entry of a horse he

owned (I'm in the Cash), for the purpose of showing the horse, in class 53 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusion of Law

Respondent Chandler 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 Chandler is disqualified for four months, beginning October 1, 2017, and ending January 31, 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<sup>1</sup> in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device.

2. Respondent Chandler is assessed a civil penalty of \$550, which shall be paid by October 1, 2017, by check made payable to USDA/APHIS, indicating that the payment is in reference to HPA Docket No. 17-0142, and sent to:

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

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<sup>1</sup>“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 become final and effective as of September 2, 2017.

This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.



Mike Chandler  
Respondent



Colleen A. Carroll  
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.,  
this 3 day of Oct 2017



Jill S. Clifton  
Administrative Law Judge