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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) HPA Docket No. 17-0077
)
RODNEY DICK, an individual,)
)
Respondent.) CONSENT DECISION AND
ORDER

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 9, 2017, alleging that the respondent violated the Act.

Respondent Rodney Dick 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 Rodney Dick, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by him occurring up to and including September 2, 2018. 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 Rodney Dick 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 August 27, 2016, respondent Rodney Dick entered a horse (The Dixie Lineman) for showing in class 78 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

3. On or about August 31, 2016, respondent Rodney Dick entered a horse (Gus

Malzahn), for the purpose of showing in class 143 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusion of Law

Respondent Rodney Dick 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 Rodney Dick is disqualified for eighteen months, beginning October 1, 2019, and ending March 31, 2021, from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating¹ in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device.

2. Respondent Rodney Dick is assessed a civil penalty of \$2,200, which shall be paid by October 1, 2019, by check made payable to USDA/APHIS, indicating that the payment is in reference to HPA Docket No. 17-0077, and sent to:

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

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¹“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 on January 1, 2019. This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.



Colleen A. Carroll
Attorney for Complainant


Rodney Dick
Respondent

Done at Washington, D.C.,
this 20 day of DEC 2018



Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge