

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0122
	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0129
DR. MICHAEL COLEMAN, an individual;	)	HPA Docket No. 17-0130
AMANDA WRIGHT, an individual; and	)	
G. RUSSELL WRIGHT, an individual;	)	
	)	CONSENT DECISION AND
Respondents.	)	ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT
	)	G. RUSSELL WRIGHT

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 11, 2017, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent G. Russell Wright 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 G. Russell Wright, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by him 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 G. Russell Wright 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 28, 2016, respondent G. Russell Wright allowed a horse he owned (I'm a Mastermind) to be shown in class 94A in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusion of Law

Respondent G. Russell Wright 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 G. Russell Wright is disqualified for four months, either (initial one):

G. Russell Wright beginning September 4, 2017, and ending January 3, 2018, or

\_\_\_\_\_ 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<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 G. Russell Wright 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. 17-0130, 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 4, 2017.

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

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G. Russell Wright  
Respondent

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Colleen A. Carroll  
Attorney for Complainant

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William K. Lane, III *TN OPEN DISC. BO*  
Attorney for Respondent

Done at Washington, D.C.,  
this *28<sup>th</sup>* day of *Sept* 2017

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Bobbie J. McCartney  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

G. Russell Wright, Respondent

Docket: 17-0130

Having personal knowledge of the foregoing, I declare under penalty of perjury that the information herein is true and correct and this is to certify that a copy of the (SIGNED) CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER AS TO RESPONDENT G. RUSSELL WRIGHT has been furnished and was served upon the following parties on September 29, 2017 by the following:

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