



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)
) HPA Docket Nos.
Jeanne Ann Rea,) 13-0253
Dale Watts, and) 13-0254
Pioneer Stables, LLC,) 13-0255
)
Respondents) 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 respondents 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).

Respondents Jeanne Ann Rea, Dale Watts, and Pioneer Stables, LLC admit the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, deny the remaining allegations, waive oral hearing and further procedure, and consent and agree, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent Jeanne Ann Rea, is an individual whose mailing address is 1047 Clabber Creek Drive, Summit, MS 39666-9325. At all times mentioned herein said respondent was the owner of the horse known as "Paroled from San Quentin."

2. Respondent Dale Watts is an individual whose mailing address is 640 Montgomery Road, Summit, MS 39666-9006.

3. Respondent Pioneer Stables, LLC, is a company organized under the laws of Mississippi with a mailing address of 4025 Highway 51 N, Summit, MS 39666-8194.

4. On or about September 1, 2012, respondents Jeanne Ann Rea, Dale Watts, and Pioneer Stables, LLC entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "Paroled from San Quenton" as entry number 623, class number 168 at the 74th Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville, TN.

Conclusions

Respondents having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

Respondents Jeanne Ann Rea, Dale Watts, and Pioneer Stables, LLC are each disqualified for two months 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. "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 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 two months' disqualification period will begin on April 22, 2014, and end at midnight on June 22, 2014.

This order shall have the same effect as if entered after a full hearing and shall become effective upon issuance on the respondents.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.



Jeanne Ann Rea
Respondent

Date April 17, 2014

[Redacted]

Dale Watts
Respondent

4/17/14
Date

Pioneer Stables, LLC
Respondent,

By: [Redacted]

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Date

President
Title



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Lauren C. Axley, Esq.
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Date

Done at Washington, D.C.

this 17 day of APR, 2014



Administrative Law Judge