

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:) HPA Docket No. 17- 0108
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Bill Cantrell, an individual,)
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Respondent.)

AMENDED CONSENT DECISION AND ORDER

The Consent Decision and Order issued on March 21, 2019 is amended by changing the disqualification dates for respondent Bill Cantrell, an individual, as provided for in this Order. The disqualification dates for Bill Cantrell Stables, Inc., an Alabama corporation (Docket No. 17-0107) remain unchanged.

This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act, 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 (USDA), on January 10, 2017, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondent Bill Cantrell admits the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint as to him, specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, 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 Bill Cantrell 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 Bill Cantrell is an individual (whose address is being withheld due to privacy concerns) 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 25, 2016, respondent Bill Cantrell entered a horse he owned (A Big Time Delight) for showing in class 26A in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

3. On or about August 26, 2016, respondent Bill Cantrell entered a horse (Pusher’s Redemption) for showing in class 52 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

4. On or about August 27, 2016, respondent Bill Cantrell entered a horse he owned (Putt for Dough) for showing in class 84B in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusions of Law

Respondent Bill Cantrell having admitted the findings of fact set forth above, and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision such decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

Respondent Bill Cantrell is disqualified for three years, beginning January 1, 2021, and ending January 1, 2024, 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.


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 the date the order is issued by the judge. This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

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Bill Cantrell
Respondent


Tracey Manoff
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.
this _____ day of _____ 2020

Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

