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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:)	HPA Docket No. 15-0142
)	HPA Docket No. 15-0143
WINDING CREEK STABLES, LLC;)	HPA Docket No. 15-0144
TERRY DOTSON; LESLIE DOTSON;)	HPA Docket No. 15-0145
and RICHARD "DICK" MYERS,)	
)	CONSENT DECISION AND
Respondents.)	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 July 10, 2015, alleging that the respondents violated the Act.

Respondents Winding Creek Stables, LLC, Terry Dotson, and Leslie Dotson admit the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint, specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admit nor deny the remaining allegations, and waive 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 respondents Winding Creek Stables, LLC, Terry Dotson, and Leslie Dotson, and resolving any and all other alleged or potential violations of the Act by them occurring up to and including August 15, 2018. Said respondents waive any action under the Equal Access to Justice Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. § 504 *et seq.*) in connection with this proceeding. 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. Respondents Terry Dotson and Leslie Dotson are individuals residing in [REDACTED] and at all times mentioned herein each 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)(Regulations).

2. Respondent Winding Creek Stables, LLC, is a Tennessee limited liability company, and at all times mentioned herein was a "person" as that term is defined in the Regulations.

3. On or about August 25, 2012, respondent Terry Dotson allowed a horse he owned (Fenway Finesse) to be shown in class 73A in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

4. On or about August 31, 2013, respondent Terry Dotson allowed a horse he owned (Catfish Hunter) to be entered for showing in class 171 in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

5. On or about August 25, 2012, respondent Leslie Dotson showed a horse (Fenway Finesse) in class 73A in a horse show in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Conclusion of Law

Respondents 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 Terry Dotson is disqualified for six months, beginning September 2, 2018, and ending March 1, 2019, and respondent Leslie Dotson is disqualified for four months, beginning November 1, 2018, and ending February 28, 2019, 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 as of September 2, 2018. This order may be executed in counterparts. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

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Done at Washington, D.C.,
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