

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re: ) HPA Docket No. 01-0029  
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) ALEX R. TAYLOR, also known as )  
) RICKY TAYLOR, an individual doing )  
) business as JUSTIN TIME STABLES; )  
) and TIM HOLLEY, an individual doing )  
) business as TIM HOLLEY STABLES, )  
)  
) Respondents ) CONSENT DECISION AS TO  
) ALEX R. TAYLOR

This proceeding was instituted under the Horse Protection Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. § 1821 *et seq.*)(the "Act"), 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 admit the jurisdictional allegations in the complaint, specifically admit that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admit nor 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 Alex R. Taylor also known as Ricky Taylor, is an individual doing business as Justin Time Stables, and whose mailing address is 205 Fairgrounds Street, Columbia, Kentucky 42728. At all times mentioned herein, said respondent was a *de facto* owner of a Tennessee Walking Horse named "A Touch of Genius."

2. On or about May 27, 2000, respondent Alex R. Taylor entered "A Touch of Genius" in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Walking Horse Trainers Show in Shelbyville, Tennessee, (the "Trainers

Show”), as entry number 448 in class number 61, for the purpose of showing the horse in that class.

#### Conclusions of Law

1. On or about May 27, 2000, respondent Alex R. Taylor entered “A Touch of Genius” in the Trainers Show, as entry number 448 in class number 61, while the horse was “sore,” as that term is defined in the Act, for the purpose of showing the horse in that class, in violation of section 5(2)(B) of the Act (15 U.S.C. § 1824(2)(B)).

2. Respondent has admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision. Such decision will therefore be entered.

#### Order

Respondent Alex R. Taylor (aka Ricky Taylor) dba Justin Time Stables, is disqualified for one year, from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, family member or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, family member or other device.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>“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.

This order shall have the same effect as if entered after a full hearing and shall become effective on November 1, 2005. Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

  
Alex R. Taylor, aka Ricky Taylor  
dba Justin Time Stables  
Respondent

  
Colleen A. Carroll  
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.  
this 31st day of October, 2005

  
Administrative Law Judge