

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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In re:)
) Docket No.
Jeanette Baucom and)
Everett Edward Ballard, Jr.,)
) Respondents)
) Complaint

There is reason to believe that the respondents named herein have violated the Horse Protection Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. § 1821 et seq.), herein referred to as the Act. Therefore, the Administrator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS") issues this complaint alleging the following:

I

- A. Respondent Jeanette Baucom is an individual whose mailing address is 1723 Brief Road East, Monroe, NC 28110.
- B. Respondent Everett Edward Ballard, Jr. is an individual whose mailing address is 455 Rock Creek Road, Foster, WV 25081.
- C. At all times material hereto, respondent Jeanette Baucom was the trainer of the horse known as "JFK's Good Omen" and entered this horse as Entry No. 192, Class No. 72, on June 6, 2009, at the National Walking Horse Trainers' Show at Shelbyville, Tennessee.
- D. At all times material hereto, respondent Everett Edward Ballard, Jr., was the owner of the horse known as "JFK's Good Omen" which was entered as Entry No. 192, Class No. 72, on June 6, 2009, at the National Walking Horse Trainers' Show at Shelbyville, Tennessee.

II

A. On June 6, 2009, respondent Jeanette Baucom, in violation of section 5(2)(B) of the Act (15 U.S.C. § 1824(2)(B)), entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse known as "JFK's Good Omen" as Entry No. 192, in Class No. 72, at the National Walking Horse Trainers' Show at Shelbyville, Tennessee, while the horse was sore.

B. On June 6, 2009, respondent Everett Edward Ballard, Jr., in violation of sections 5(2)(B) and (D) of the Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1824(2)(B), (D)), entered and allowed the entry for the purpose of showing or exhibiting of "JFK's Good Omen" as Entry No. 192, in Class No. 72, at the National Walking Horse Trainers' Show at Shelbyville, Tennessee, while the horse was sore.

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that for the purpose of determining whether the respondents have in fact violated the Act, this complaint shall be served upon the respondents. The respondents shall file an answer with the Hearing Clerk, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250-9200, in accordance with the Rules of Practice governing proceedings under the Act (7 C.F.R. § 1.130 et seq.). Failure to file an answer shall constitute an admission of all the material allegations of this complaint.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service requests:

1. That unless the respondents fail to file an answer within the time allowed therefor, or file an answer admitting all the material allegations of this complaint, this proceeding be

set for oral hearing in conformity with the Rules of Practice governing proceedings under the Act; and

2. That such order or orders be issued as are authorized by the Act and warranted under the circumstances including an order:

(a) Assessing civil penalties against the respondents in accordance with section 6(b) of the Act (15 U.S.C. § 1825(b)); and

(b) Disqualifying each respondent for a specified period as provided in section 6(c) of the Act (15 U.S.C. § 1825(c)) from (1) showing, exhibiting or entering any horse, or otherwise participating in any horse show or exhibition, and (2) judging or managing any horse show, horse exhibition, horse sale or auction.

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 29th day of August, 2012

Acting

Administrator
Animal and Plant Health
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