

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



**OFFICIAL WARNING**  
**VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

CASE NUMBER:  
TN140110-AC

VIOLATOR:  
Mike Smith

ADDRESS (*Street, City, State, ZIP Code*):  
Peterson, WV 24963

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

**Date of Violation: June 21, 2013**

**15 U.S.C. § 1824(2) Unlawful Acts**

“The (A) showing or exhibiting, in any horse show or horse exhibition, of any horse which is sore, (B) entering for the purpose of showing or exhibiting in any horse show or horse exhibition, any horse which is sore, (C) selling, auctioning, or offering for sale, in any horse sale or auction, any horse which is sore, and (D) allowing any activity described in clause (A), (B), or (C) respecting a horse which is sore by the owner of such horse.”

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**9 C.F.R. § 11.3 Scar Rule**

“The scar rule applies to all horses born on or after October 1, 1975. Horses subject to this rule that do not meet the...scar rule criteria shall be considered to be “sore” and are subject to all prohibitions of...the Act.”

Mike Smith showed the horse, “Can you Imagine That” at the East Tennessee Classic Horse Show in Gray, Tennessee while the horse was sore.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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