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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ATRICULTURE BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:	Megan M. Baker,)	HPA Docket No. 13-0265	
	Respondent.)	Consent Decision and Order	
	This proceeding was instituted under	the Ho	rse Protection Act ("Act"), as amended (15	
U.S.C.	§ 1821 et seq.), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health			
Inspec	spection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondent			
violate	ated 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).				
	Respondent Megan M. Baker admits	the juri	sdictional allegations in paragraph I of the	
complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits				
nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedures, and consents				
and agrees, 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 Megan M. Baker is an in	dividua	l whose mailing address is (b) (6)	
b) (6)	. At all times m	entione	d herein, said Respondent was the owner and	
trainer	er of the horse known as "Double Clutchin."			

 On May 26, 2012, the respondent entered "Double Clutchin" as entry number 256 in class number 34, in the Brodhead Lions Club Horse Show in Brodhead, KY, for the purpose of showing or exhibiting the horse.

Conclusions

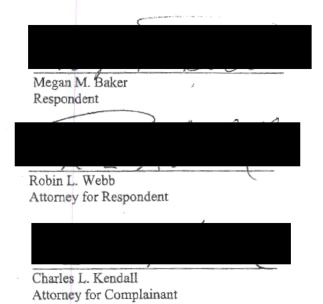
Respondent having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

Order

Respondent Megan M. Baker is disqualified for eight (8) months from showing, exhibiting, or entering any horse, directly or indirectly through any agent, employee, or other device, and from judging, managing or otherwise participating in any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction. "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 the first day after service of this decision on the respondent.

Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.



Done at Washington, D.C.

This 6 day of APR, 20145

Administrative Law Judge

Jill S. Clifton