

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING

VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.

KY130008-AC

VIOLATOR

Ronnie Vallandingham

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

1075 US 62 W

Cynthiana, KY 41031

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 law:

Date of Violation: July 21, 2012

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."

9 C.F.R. § 11.2 – Prohibitions concerning exhibitors.

"(b) *Specific prohibitions.* The use of any of the following devices, equipment, or practices on any horse at any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction is prohibited: (11) Toe length that does not exceed the height of the heel by 1 inch or more..."

Ronnie Vallandingham entered for the purpose of showing, a horse, "A Cash Specialist," in the 55th Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Horse Show in Tollesboro, Kentucky, which was found sore.

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since the violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS official.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name, Title)

Dr. Chester A. Gipson
Deputy Administrator

Animal

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DATE ISSUED

21/2012

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