

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.

KY10027-AC

VIOLATOR

Ashley Higdon

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Ashley Higdon
2283 Colesbend Rd
Smiths Grove, KY 42171

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **September 18, 2009**, you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

Entered for the purpose of showing or exhibiting, the horse "Chiseled in Firestone," at the 43rd Kentucky Celebration Horse Show which was found sore.

The Horse Protection Act prohibits the following conduct:

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 CFR § 11.2(a) – Prohibitions concerning exhibitors.

General prohibitions. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section, no chain, boot, roller, collar, action device, nor any other device, method, practice, or substance shall be used with respect to any horse at any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction if such use causes or can reasonably be expected to cause such horse to be 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)

Sarah L. Conant, Chief, Animal Health and Welfare Enforcement Branch
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