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From: Conrad/Malibu Video <conrad@malibuvideo.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 4:37 PM
To: Cezar, Rachel - APHIS
Cc: Gipson, Chester A - APHIS
Subject: Re: Tennessee Walking Horse Abuse

Dear Drs. Cezar and Gipson,

Please know that president of the TWHBEA Mr. Irby's recent response concerning pads and action devices does not represent my views as a friend of TWHBEA and how I feel about the abusive practice of soring, pads, chains, action devices, etc found in certain circles of the Tennessee Walking Horse show world. My business partner is a proud owner of a sound and naturally gaited Tennessee Walking Horses and we find it repulsive that someone, in this case Mr. Irby, would still defend and promote the "performance" Tennessee Walking Horse. The only reason why Mr. Irby and his cronies are defending the pads, chains, and action devices is because they know that once these unnecessary and abusive "tools" are banned, that will be the end of soring and their inner circle of corrupt and abusive trainers, breeders, and owners that only care about money, money, money and ego, ego, ego, without any regard for the welfare and image of the breed. These folks have had over 30 years to comply with the Horse Protection Act and I guarantee that they will continue to disregard and pay lip service to the law for that much longer unless pads, chains, and action devices are finally banned. Other organizations that have long banned soring, pads, chains, and action devices from their show world, such as FOSH and NWHHA, are thriving and doing a great job of truly promoting the innate and natural beauty and gait of the Tennessee Walking Horse. It is about time that Mr. Irby and his cronies be held accountable for the welfare of the horse and breed and stop putting their egos first. If TWHBEA were to become obsolete and go out of business because of Mr. Irby's refusal to do the morally correct and legal thing, then so be it. If that were to occur, the beautiful, sound, and natural Tennessee Walking Horse breed will flourish as it would clean up the negative image that has unfortunately plagued our breed in the general horse industry because of the beliefs and actions of people like Mr. Irby.

Dear Doctors please keep fighting the good fight not only because it is the legal thing to do, but most important because it is the right and moral thing to do. We owe it to the horses.

Most Sincerely,
Conrad Noddin
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