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The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) Animal Care Program will hold listening sessions throughout the United States to obtain public feedback on the Horse Protection Program. In particular, APHIS is interested in hearing feedback on the questions below:

- 1 • Congress passed the Horse Protection Act in 1970 to eliminate the cruel and inhumane practice of soring horses. How close are we to achieving the goal?

Getting closer. The snake's head must be cut off. The TWHBEA is the culprit - it is a thug/criminal industry and needs to be brought up on RICO STATUTE Organized Crime charges - they encourage soring by rewarding the sorers - Trainer of the Year - Judgeships - Horse of the Year. They dupe the government and public by misinformation and disinformation -

- 2 • Can the industry achieve a consensus on how to carry out a self-regulatory program to enforce the Horse Protection Act in a consistent way?

No. This corrupt/thug industry will not eliminate pads/devices and will continue to encourage soring by not stopping it. Until the industry shows it is serious by real punishment for those with tickets, it will continue to be a part of the problem -

- 3 • What responsibilities should USDA-certified Horse Industry Organizations (HIOs) have within the industry?

Sound HIO's can continue monitoring. FOSH (FriendsOfSoundHorses) inspect in the proper manner. NWAHA (NationalWalkingHorseAssoc) needs to be monitored by USDA vets until they inspect properly and make the appropriate tickets. The TWHBEA SHOW crap needs to be severely monitored by USDA Vets - it is a farce of an inspection program - the Fox Guarding the Chicken Coop. SHOW stands for "Sinfully Sored Horses Outwit the Government" -

- 4 • How can the industry reconcile its inherent competition aspect with ensuring compliance with the Horse Protection Act?

The TWHBEA corrupt/thug industry cannot. It has never ensured compliance - it has fought anti-soring factors since the beginning. It has repeatedly rewarded and protected soring/sorers and bitterly condemned and badmouthed outspoken critics -

- 5 • What can USDA do now (and in the future) to ensure compliance?

USDA must bring RICO STATUTE Organized Crime charges against this corrupt, thug, conspiratorial TWHBEA industry. TWHBEA/SHOW conspire to dupe the government and public that "the horses are not sore and the chains are like ladies bracelets." There must be a court appointed take over of the Breed Registry so that it can be run as a normal breed registry with real rules to protect horses.

- 6 • What responsibilities should USDA have within the industry with respect to enforcement and what hinders oversight of the HIOs and/or industry?

The USDA should eliminate self-policing - it does not work herein with this criminal/thug industry.

An independent group of organizations - Humane Society and FOSH, etc., - should create a group of sound vets in the deep south to be the real inspectors for the TWHBEA only. TWHBEA sore groupies cannot ever be trusted to self-police their corrupt selves.

7 • Should there be a prohibition of all action devices?

YES. About time. Should have been done forty-two years ago. Abolish all action devices IMMEDIATELY. NOTE: Around early 80's there was a court Order eliminating pads/chains for three months. The TWHBEA's attorneys argued that this was discrimination and won that argument and the order was reversed. I told Attorney Gaspar that the argument to keep the Order was that the TWHBEA had ABUSED THE PRIVILEGE OF USING PADS/CHAINS AND THEREIN THE ORDER SHOULD STAY.

He did not listen to me. "Abused the privilege" is a winning argument. The TWHBEA has ABUSED THE PRIVILEGE of using pads/chains and has ABUSED THE PRIVILEGE of self-policing and has ABUSED THE PRIVILEGE of controlling the TWHorse Breed Registry.

8 • Should there be a prohibition of pads?

YES. About time. Should have been done forty-two years ago. Abolish all pads IMMEDIATELY. The TWHBEA has ABUSED THE PRIVILEGE of using pads/chains. This is a legal argument that will win in court.

If a horse (any horse breed) needs to have a pad to show, then leave it home and bring the sound horse.

9 • Currently the Horse Protection regulations have a shoe weight limit on yearlings. Should there now be a shoe weight limit for all aged horses?

YES. Any horse breed - show/event/BreedRegistry - should only allow a normal keg shoe WITH a normal hoof length. No exceptions. This is so technically advanced that there is no need to even discuss this. Get yourself educated through the farriers associations and any vet associations.