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Regarding: Sanctioned abuse of the competitive horse

Sir;

Under Sec. 42.09. CRUELTY TO LIVESTOCK ANIMALS. (a) A person commits an offense if the person intentionally or knowingly: (1) tortures a livestock animal; (b) In this section: (7) "Torture" includes any act that causes unjustifiable pain or suffering.

These are Youtube video links that demonstrate the abuse inflicted upon Western Pleasure horses and SANCTIONED by the American Quarter Horse Association.

<http://youtu.be/DXz1C1obVpk>

<http://youtu.be/V7ryGEljjz0> Reichert Celebration warm up arena

<http://youtu.be/0NzvxOG0yXo> horses begin at 3:14 in the video

<http://www.horsechannel.com/western-horse-training/western-perception-26601.aspx> article on the bad judging

<http://www.horsechannel.com/western-horse-training/aqha-western-pleasure-judging.aspx> video on judging in which Alex Ross and others do not address the improper

AQHA is by its 'willful, knowing, and intentional' refusal to enforce the descriptions contained in the rules, mandating that the competitive Western Pleasure horses showing under the auspice of AQHA and its affiliates be abused by the trainers and riders in order to have the opportunity to win.

The American Quarter Horse Association is using deceptive trade practices in order to maintain a monopolistic control over those individuals whom wish to compete their registered Quarter horses. While at the same time mandating the abuse of the competitive horse by trainers and riders in order for them to have the opportunity to win.

This explosive situation arises out of the Youtube video of the warm up arena at the Reichert Celebration held at the Will Rogers complex in Fort Worth, Texas. Reichert is an Iowa based company with a five year contract with the Will Rogers complex.

An effort arose on the Internet to bring these abusive practices by equine associations, in particular the American Quarter Horse Association, to national attention. Emails were sent to sponsors and to the participating associations. The response has been to not respond, except for the National Snaffle Bit Association which seemed upset that their rules were violated.

I have attached letters that were sent to the American Quarter Horse Association, and copies of email I have sent. Also attached is a copy of a speech given to AQHA licensed judges by Jim Heird [licensed AQHA judge] in 2009.

It is the responsibility of law enforcement agencies to protect and defend the horse when the owners, trainers, riders, judges and governing associations do not.

Therefore, I am asking that the State of Texas acts on behalf of the competitive horse and take all legal steps to bring the appropriate criminal charges against each and every individual who has chosen to ignore the rules for the competitions. That means the State of Texas must start with the leadership of the American Quarter Horse Association and in particular the Chief Executive Director of Judges Alex Ross. Under Sec. 42.09. CRUELTY TO LIVESTOCK ANIMALS, Mr. Alex Ross must be charged with the criminal abuse of horses.

Sincerely

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