



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 12, 2015
Contact: AHA
303.696.4500

Half-Arabian Investigation Update – Part II

(12-January-15 – AURORA, CO) – Previously it has been reported that following an investigation by the Arabian Horse Association's (AHA) Registry Services Department under the leadership of Debbie Fuentes, AHA's Registrar, the Half-Arabian Registration Papers for JOHNNY NITRO and QUINTESSAA were cancelled after determining the horses had no Arabian parent as indicated in their registration applications and subsequent Certificates of Registration.

Susan and Terry Hatfield had registered the two horses in December of 2009. As a result of the investigation, a Notice of Charges for violating the Arabian Horse Association's (AHA) rules, Chapter 10, Section 102 was issued to the Hatfield's.

The case was heard by AHA's Registration Commission in November of 2014. Both Terry and Susan Hatfield were found guilty of the charges. The Registration Commission permanently suspended all the Hatfield's registration privileges. The Commission also ordered that the parentage be verified for any horse(s) currently owned by the Hatfield's and for any horse that had been registered by the Hatfield's.

Mr. Steve Groves, subsequent owner of JOHNNY NITRO and QUINTESSA, is working closely with AHA to ensure that the redistribution of the National trophies will be made to the correct horses. AHA will correct the titles in the official record.

"At the time these classes were held, the Arabian Cutting Horse Association (TACHA) was responsible for related prize money distribution," says AHA Executive Vice President, Glenn Petty. "AHA has been in contact with TACHA to offer assistance on this issue."

"Due to the complexity of this issue, the investigation into these two horses has been ongoing for over two years," states Cynthia Richardson, AHA President. "I would personally like to thank everyone for executing due diligence in this matter."

ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATIONSM

10805 East Bethany Drive | Phone 303-696-4500
Aurora, Colorado 80014 | Fax 303-696-4599
www.ArabianHorses.org | info@ArabianHorses.org