



DECISION of the JUDICIAL COMMITTEE of the FEI

dated 10 August 2006

In the matter of
the rider **Helena Lundbäck** and the horse **Conan**

1. SUMMARY OF THE FACTS

The matter was submitted to the Judicial Committee by the FEI Secretary General under FEI General Regulations Article 165.2 (21st edition, revision effective 1 June 2006, hereinafter “**GR**”). The Judicial Committee having duly delegated authority to Committee Member Mr. Philip O'Connor during their meeting of 9 August 2006, a hearing was conducted by him at Dublin CSIO on 10 August 2006 in relation to a formal complaint lodged by official show veterinarians Dr. Hugh Dillon and Dr. Adair Linton.

The complaint related to the use of a whip in an exercise area by Swedish team member Helena Lundbäck who is the Person Responsible for the horse Conan.

Present at the hearing were the Person Responsible accompanied by Mr. Piet Raymakers (NED), Dr. Adair Linton, Mr. John Chambers, Chief FEI Steward, J.C. McEwen (GBR), Foreign FEI Veterinary Delegate and Mr. Daniel Butler, Secretary General of the Equestrian Federation of Ireland.

The Judicial Committee took into consideration all evidence, written testimonies and documents presented during the hearing, including the report of the veterinarians Dr. Dillon and Dr. Linton, report of Mr. Chambers, photographs of the horse Conan identified by Dr. Dillon, which clearly illustrated two weals of some four to six inches in length on the off side hindquarters, one of which drew blood. Oral evidence was also given by Dr. Linton, Mr. Chambers, the Person Responsible and by Mr. Raymakers who observed the horse resisting to the Person Responsible.

2. DECISION

- 1) The Person Responsible is in breach of FEI GR Article 143 which provides that no person may “whip or beat a horse excessively”.

- 2) The Judicial Committee noted the apology of the Person Responsible for her actions which she stated arose unintentionally when the horse suddenly reared.
- 3) This experienced Person Responsible is accordingly fined CHF 3'000 (three thousand Swiss Francs) and is warned to exercise the greatest care in her future schooling methods.
- 4) The Person Responsible was informed of her right of appeal in accordance to the FEI General Regulations.

Mr. Philip O'Connor

For the Judicial Committee