

## **THE JOCKEY CLUB DENIES STUD BOOK PRIVILEGES FOLLOWING HORSE CRUELTY JUDGMENT**

At its August 21, 2010, meeting, The Jockey Club's Board of Stewards voted to deny New York resident Ernest G. Paragallo all privileges of *The American Stud Book* effective January 1, 2011.

This action was taken based upon information received by The Jockey Club's Registrar, which included the judgment entered March 10, 2010, in the Superior Court of the State of New York, County of Greene, in the matter of The People of the State of New York vs. Ernest G. Paragallo (Case number 09-148) and pursuant to Section V, Rule 19(A)(4)(d) of the *Principal Rules and Requirements of The American Stud Book* concerning acts of cruelty committed to a horse.

Paragallo was fined and sentenced to serve a maximum of two years in jail.

Denial of all privileges of *The American Stud Book* includes the privilege to register foals or submit any documents related to foal registration. The January 1, 2011, effective date allows registration of foals already conceived prior to the judgment.

Ogden Mills Phipps, the chairman of The Jockey Club, said, "The Jockey Club fully supports and assists law enforcement agencies, the courts and racing regulatory authorities in the investigation of matters involving cruelty to Thoroughbreds. When there is a final determination by a court, an official tribunal or an official racing body that a person has killed, abandoned, mistreated, neglected or abused, or otherwise committed an act of cruelty to a horse, The Jockey Club will not hesitate to take appropriate action under Rule 19."

*Principal Rules and Requirements of The American Stud Book* is located at [jockeyclub.com/registry.asp?section=3#nineteen](http://jockeyclub.com/registry.asp?section=3#nineteen).

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