

In the matter of the drug violations at the 2017 AQHA World show, we maintain our innocence of administering the Guanabenz to any of the four horses that were tested. We do understand that we are the RESPONSIBLE PARTY VIO250 and held accountable under AQHA Rule VIO304. The Responsible Party is eligible for disciplinary sanctions, whether or not they had actual knowledge of the presence of a prohibited medication, drug or substance, directly participated in the administration of thereof, innocently miscalculated its retention time in the horse's system, or any other reason for which its presence is established.

I have been a member in good standing with AQHA since 1995. I have earned 14 AQHA World Championships. Mozaun McKibben has been a member in good standing with AQHA since 1993. He has earned 7 AQHA World Championships. All the horses that have won these World Championships were drug tested and we have been randomly drug tested several times over the years without any positive results.

At the 2017 AQHA World Show in the Amateur Ranch Riding Prelims, I had 2 placings in the top 3 and another horse placing in the top 15. Mozaun McKibben had placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Ranch Riding Prelims. We placed high in the prelims and felt we had a good chance at being named World Champion on any of the horses, which would require a mandatory drug test. We would have never administered Guanabenz, a well know medication that has been illegal in AQHA for years.

At the 2017 AQHA World show there were 357 entries in the 3 Ranch Riding classes. 13 random draws were drug tested that were pre determined before the show. Our horses were 4 of the random draws. We had nearly 1/3 of the horses randomly tested.

As for the horse, Chex Are Cashin, he was a horse I purchased 4 years ago for my child and could trust him anywhere. He was zero prep, ride show-to-show kinda horse that I had been successful on all year, including earning the Amateur World Champion at the AQHA VRH World Show held March 2017. I was drug tested twice there. We know the rules and policies and would never administer any forbidden substance to any of our horses to win and to know in the future it would be taken away.

We love our American Quarter Horses and value AQHA's ruling on this matter. We are deeply saddened and apologize to anyone that this has impacted. I do believe sabotage, jealousy and vindictiveness is more common than what we know.

Sincerely, Mozaun and Sarah Mckibben