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The "As Is" Bill of Sale

When using an "As Is" bill of sale, it is helpful to indicate that the price being paid is a reduced price that reflects the "as is" nature of the sale and the lack of warranties and representations by the seller as to soundness and fitness for use.

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What is a Horseman's Lien? *Protecting Yourself as a Trainer or Barn Owner*

Boarders come and boarders go, but sometimes they leave with unpaid bills. What is a trainer or barn owner to do when a boarder leaves with a large unpaid bill?

Unfortunately, most barn owners and trainers do not have security deposits to cover departing boarders' unpaid bills. Previously harmonious relationships breakdown and the boarder threatens to leave. Once the horse is out of the barn, it is too late to do anything but commence a prolonged legal battle to get paid. The barn owner or trainer has to spend money to go to court. The process of getting back the money rightfully owed is long, and the legal costs are often unrecoverable. Even if the boarding agreement has provisions for payment of legal fees in case the barn owner has to sue to enforce the agreement, resolution is prolonged and uncertain. What can the barn or property owner do?

Thankfully, there is legal mechanism that can be used to help avoid prolonged protracted legal proceedings to recover unpaid board and training bills – the Horseman's Lien.

Almost every state has a "Liens for Care of Horses" statute that provides protection for the "keeper of a livery stable or boarding and exchange stable" ("barn owner") from having an owner remove a horse from the property with an unpaid bill. These laws allow barn owners to place liens on all animals in their care and to keep them until the unpaid bills are paid.

While the law is simple, using it to prevent a defaulting horse owner from taking the horse from the property is not. It requires barn owners to take certain steps in order to be able to claim the protections available to them under the Horseman's Lien statutes.

[Learn more about a Horseman's Lien and what you can do to protect yourself here.](#)

In the Press



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