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What to Know Before Letting Your Horse Out on Trial

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Q: I'm selling my horse. A prospective buyer who rides with a trainer I trust wants to take him on a two-week trial basis. What documentation should I put in place first before he leaves our property?

A: Great question! While two weeks may seem like a short time to some, anything can happen in those two weeks, so you're right to want to have the proper documentation in place.

When considering allowing a horse to go out on trial there are three primary things that I would care about:

Terms of Use: Prior to the horse leaving your care, you need to put into writing the terms of use for the trial period. Think about what matters to you: who may ride the horse while it's on trial? If it's a jumper, do you care how high may it be jumped? May it go to a show during that time?

You can think of this documentation much like an abbreviated lease contract, and with that in mind, some things to consider might include:

Restrictions on use: This is your opportunity to put into writing anything like the examples listed above. Can the horse go off of the trial trainer's property? Can it go on trail rides?

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Reasons Why an Equine Lawyer is Called:
Buyer/Seller Remorse

Owning, leasing, and selling competitive sport horses is a risky business. Even after all the 'I's have been crossed and 'I's have been dotted, things can go wrong for buyer, seller, trainer or all three.

Buyer or seller remorse is one of the top reasons Leone Equestrian Law is contacted for legal help! Here are 4 good rules to follow to protect yourself against this situation!:

- 1 Be transparent in your bill of sale or lease agreements, noting any lameness issue or special circumstances.
- 2 Never overlook the need for a qualified veterinarian and trainer consultations to help you in selecting a horse.
- 3 Always offer the buyer or lessor the opportunity to get an independent veterinarian examination prior to completing the transaction.
- 4 Arrange a trial period with the horse if reasonable.

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Ask Us: "My Trainer Wants to Use My Horse in the Lesson Program – Is That a Good Idea?"

Allowing your horse to be used in a lesson program might be an opportunity to reduce your bills or help you keep your horse exercised, but there are a lot of 'what ifs' involved in this type of arrangement. Thanks to Noëlle Floyd.com for sharing our insight on the topic.

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Overall Horsemen Of The Year: DiAnn Langer And Anne Kursinski

"We have real problems with psychological and physical abuse in our sport. If you want to modernize the sport we need to clean house, strip the walls, and put on proper paint." - Armand Leone

Anne Kursinski and DiAnn Langer have spoken up and are helping to do just that - deservedly earning both of them the title of The Chronicle Of The Horse's 2018 Overall Horsemen of the Year.

Read more about why Kursinski and Langer were chosen for the honor, with further quotes from Leone Equestrian Law's own Armand Leone.

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