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### Tip of the Month:

Preparing to ship your horse a long distance for the winter? Be sure to determine whether the transporter is a licensed carrier in good standing. It can also be useful to understand a few shipping and liability legalities, including those discussed here.

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# Including Your Horse in Your Will: Factors to Consider By Jessica E. Choper, Esq.

Thinking about adding your horse to your will? Here are

several factors that you may want to consider and steps to

### **Choose an Attorney**

take.

You may want to consider establishing a Trust for the horse in connection with the planning for your Will and/or Estate. Consider an attorney who specializes in equine law and/or an attorney who specializes in Trusts and Estates. The advantage of working with an attorney well versed in equine law is that the attorney will be more familiar with the horse profession and have an understanding of the costs, obligations, and/or goals associated with leaving your horse with someone else upon your death.

### **Define Your Goals**

Is the purpose to ensure the well-being of the horse in your absence or to provide for a specific person(s) and/or for a family member to have the opportunity to keep the horse and enjoy or compete with the horse?

Identify the person(s) to be responsible for horse. Is the chosen individual willing to accept responsibility? Consider family members, trainers, or friends when identifying who will take over responsibility for your horse.

Is it acceptable for person who will be inheriting the horse to sell it and keep the proceeds in exchange for paying expenses, or will proceeds of a sale go to someone else?

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By Justine Griffin - Sarah Varney always had a spoken agreement with her parents: God forbid something happened to her, they would take in her horses and care for them as pasture pets.

For many years, that was enough for Sarah to feel comfortable about the future fate of her beloved eventing competition partners, in case disaster struck. But the older she got, the more she realized that maybe she needed something more official – something in writing.

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