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## I Want To Board Horses at Home, What Legalities Should I Know?

**Q:** I have a nice four-stall barn and outdoor ring at home where I've kept my two horses for years. Now, I'd love to make a little extra income by boarding an additional horse or two. Legally, is there anything I need to do before I take my first boarder?

**A:** Yes, beginning to board horses is not something that should be taken too lightly, as – even though you view it as just a bit of extra income on the side – it is considered operating a business, and proper measures should be taken accordingly.

Should something happen to one of your boarders while they are riding in your ring, you likely will not have insurance coverage through your homeowner or property insurance policy. Instead, prior to accepting boarders, you'll



need to look into your commercial liability insurance options and purchase the appropriate coverage or policy endorsement.

Next, it's highly recommended to have prepared both a liability release and a boarding contract. The liability release should be signed by anyone engaging in equine activity on your property, including your future boarders and their friends and family members. Depending on your state of residence, Equine Activity Liability Act warning signs may also need to be hung on your property. It should also be noted, that liability releases and proper liability signage are still not a substitute for liability insurance.

[Click here to read the full answer!](#)

## Homemade Horse Supplements: A Lesson From FEI Tribunal Ruling



In November of 2016, Armani Du Jade Ewaldress, ridden by Olivier Carlens of Belgium, tested positive for caffeine and theophylline after competing in a CDI2\* dressage event in Paris, France.

Carlens brought his case forward to the FEI for a hearing, stating that the failed blood test was caused by a homemade syrup prepared by his own mother – containing elder-bush with honey and spices such as thyme, guarana, and hawthorn – and it was not a deliberate violation of the controlled medication substances policies instituted by the FEI.

Last month, the FEI Tribunal upheld the findings of the positive blood test, delivering Carlens a three-month suspension and a fine of 1500 Swiss francs.

**Here's why:** While the Tribunal accepted that Carlens and his mother did not intend to give the horse caffeine, it found that they should have done further research before delivering homemade concoctions to a FEI competition horse. The guarana contained in the syrup was the caffeine source, and a simple internet search quickly shows the presence of caffeine in guarana.

**What's the takeaway?** Even though well-meaning and without intent to enhance performance, homemade supplements can carry prohibited substances that can easily put a horse in violation of the FEI Equine Anti-Doping and Controlled Medication Regulations. Do your research thoroughly before administering any homemade supplements to competing horses!

Read more about the case via [Horsetalk.co.nz here](#), or find the [full FEI decision here](#).

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