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Leone Equestrian Law's Armand Leone, Betsie Bolger, Debbie Malloy, and George Morris during the first private European tour that Morris did with U.S. riders. Leone says, "We showed at four competitions in France starting at Fontainebleau - what an eye-opener! I was very lucky to be part of this group."

Q&A: Letting Your Horse Be Used in Lessons

Q: I have the opportunity to reduce my monthly board payments by allowing my horse to be used in my barn's lesson program. I love the idea, because I could really use the extra money, and my horse is generally extremely quiet and straightforward. However, I'm also a bit worried about the 'what ifs.' What if my horse is somehow injured in a lesson? Or what if someone falls off of him and gets hurt?

A: You're asking all the right questions, as liability is definitely the biggest concern when entering into this sort of agreement. The farm owner likely has liability insurance and may also utilize a liability waiver designed to protect him or her; however, very rarely does this insurance or liability release protect the individual horse owner or boarder such as yourself. Therefore, you will want to ensure that you have taken the necessary precautions, and considered the options for protecting yourself and your horse.

[Click here to read more about your options when considering allowing your horse to be used for lessons!](#)

Your Legal Questions Answered!

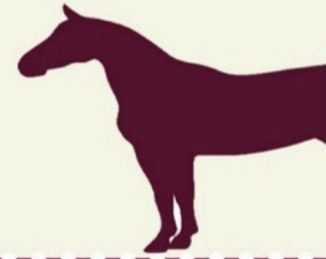
Do you have your own equine legal question that needs answering? Or a situation in which you could really use some advice?

Submit any equestrian legal questions by [email here](#) with the subject line "Leone Equestrian Law Q&A."

We'll answer your questions in our monthly newsletter or on the [Leone Equestrian Law Facebook page!](#)

Before You Buy: Make a List and Check It Twice

Buying a Horse PRE-PURCHASE CHECKLIST



TRY THE HORSE.

A seller should offer a trial period, or a more informal opportunity for the buyer to try the horse multiple times.



OBTAIN THE HORSE'S PRIOR HISTORY.

Request the veterinary records from the seller. This disclosure allows the buyer to review the horse's written medical history and treatment.



SEEK ADVICE FROM A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL.

If you are an amateur, never overlook the assistance of a qualified trainer in helping you select a horse and in navigating the sales process.



RETAIN AN INDEPENDENT VETERINARIAN.

Get fresh eyes to examine the horse. A vet without prior experience treating the horse may offer the most unbiased evaluation.



DOCUMENT THE DETAILS IN A BILL OF SALE.

Anything pertinent to the purchase should be well-documented in the bill of sale. Both the buyer and the seller should want a detailed bill of sale to prevent any post-sale disputes or litigation.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ADVICE ON BUYING OR SELLING YOUR NEXT HORSE, CONTACT LEONE EQUESTRIAN LAW:
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