



Leone Equestrian Law LLC

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!](#)

Tip of the Month

Putting together an equine boarding contract? Be sure to include these key elements!

Key components of an Equine Boarding Contract

- Fees and Terms**
The cost of board and what is included in that cost should be carefully spelled out. Any itemized costs such as blanketing or deworming should also be listed. Be sure to mention the length of the contract term, and, if it continues indefinitely, the steps to terminate the contract.
- Horse Description**
Make this section of your boarding contract as thorough as possible, with information on each horse including: registered name, age, sex, breed, color, any brands or markings and height. It can also be a good idea to record any of the horse's known vices or behavior problems.
- Emergency Info**
This includes not only emergency contacts, but also details of exactly what should be done in the case of an emergency. What measures are the boarding facility owners to take if they can't reach the horse owner? Is the horse insured?
- Legalities**
 - Equine Liability Act Verbiage**
A release of liability is vital to protect the boarding facility owner. Be sure to determine what language is required by your state's equine liability act.
 - Right of Lien**
In the case of unpaid bills, this gives the property owner a lien on the horse and the ability to sell the horse at public auction in order to cover payments owed.
 - Hold Harmless Agreement**
This states that the owner of the horse agrees not to hold the property owner responsible for damage or injury caused by the horse while it is being boarded.

For more information or help putting together your next boarding contract, contact Leone Equestrian Law: info@equestriancounsel.com | (201)444-6444

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Getting Paid as an Equestrian Professional

It's no secret; if you do not get paid for your horse training, boarding, or professional services, you will not be in business for long.

Horses are expensive to own and keep, and when clients don't pay bills, those costs still must be paid. Whether it is an expensive horse that competes at the top shows or a more affordable mount for trail rides, when you provide services to a horse owner as a barn owner, trainer, veterinarian, farrier, or shipper, unpaid bills can mount quickly.

Fortunately, the law provides specific protections from clients who don't pay their bills for most barn owners and veterinarians, and if your boarding, veterinary, training, or farrier service contract has a required security deposit, retainer, or ironclad payment clauses, you may not even need to read this article.

However, most professionals don't have strong contractual agreements or stringent repayment provisions. Instead, some trainers and boarding farm owners tend to even operate leniently toward late payments, in no way penalizing the client should funds show up a month or two later than due.

[Read the full article here!](#)

A Blast From the Past



At the 1982 Lucerne Nations Cup - Armand Leone and Loecky. Photo: Findlay Davidson

At a 1986 horse show, one writer interviewed Leone Equestrian Law's Armand Leone, and now the same author is revisiting that interview in this 'Blast From the Past' article for *The Horse Magazine*. From incorporating dressage work into his horse's warm-up - as taught by George Morris - to his best performances, why vying for the Olympics

was not his goal, and much more, Armand covers it all in this great, prescient interview.

[Read the full interview here!](#)

Leone Equestrian Law LLC provides legal services and consultation for equestrian professionals ranging from riders and trainers to owners and show managers in the FEI disciplines on a wide variety of issues. Visit www.equestriancounsel.com to learn more.

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