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An affordable horse show is an oxymoron, but making a horse show more affordable is not!

Horse shows are expensive. Entry fees alone are costly, but when you factor in related expenses, the costs can become exorbitant, especially for riders desiring to show on a regular basis. While horse shows will never be inexpensive, these tips may help owners minimize some of their costs.

### 1. Identify Goals

Before showing, set objectives and realistically ascertain the level of competitiveness of both horse and rider.



The offerings at horse shows can vary greatly, as can horse show costs. The size, competitiveness, and cost of horse shows varies greatly, and some are more suitable to a rider and horse's level compared to others. Riders trying to qualify for prestigious competitions or capture annual awards require one type of horse show, whereas riders and horses in need of basic experience and exposure can achieve their goals at less competitive venues, such as local schooling shows. Schooling or unrecognized horse shows may offer less expensive entry fees, enabling a green horse or rider additional funds to enter more classes.

### 2. Prepare for Horse Show Day

Be organized. Prepare a permanent check list of essentials, such as tack, pads, clothing, bandages, and accessories such as spurs and a stick. Review the list a few days in advance of the show to make certain that the quality and condition of all tack and attire is horse show appropriate. Purchase everything you will need in advance, and plan for the need of items on horse show day that are not routinely used at home, such as ear plugs, rain sheets, or spurs. Last minute purchases from horse show vendors can add considerable and unnecessary costs to the horse show day, as well as unneeded stress before even entering the ring.

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### Ask the Experts

Leone Equestrian Law's Armand Leone spoke on 'Key Clauses and Legal Issues in Horse Lease Agreements' on May 3 at the 33rd Annual National Conference on Equine Law in Lexington, KY.

Have your own questions regarding the legalities of equine lease agreements?

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### In the News

Not your usual plaintiff! Justice the horse is suing his former owner for abuse, and the Animal Legal Defense Fund says that this could be a groundbreaking case in giving animals the right to sue. What do you think? Should horses be allowed to sue!?

*(Photo via the Animal Legal Defense Fund)*

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