

All About Horse Leasing: How To Ensure a Win-Win

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Leasing a horse can have positives as well as drawbacks, both for the lessor and the lessee. We've all heard stories about owners getting a horse back from a lease to find it unsound or with bad habits. At the same time, lessees can find themselves in a predicament if the horse is injured during the lease or is not as advertised.

On the flip side, there are many benefits. Owners can retain ownership while the horse continues to do a job that he loves. There's also the bonus of potentially earning extra income from the horse, or covering the cost of ownership, without selling.



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For lessees, the ability to move to a different horse as your skills advance can be helpful, especially for young riders advancing to new levels. Additionally, having a horse for a limited amount of time can be ideal for individuals who can only commit to riding or using the horse for a certain period. Similarly, some leases include the option to purchase the horse during the course or at the end of the lease period. This can be a huge benefit for a rider who wants to ensure that the horse will be a good fit before they make a purchase, and probably a long-term commitment.

However, there will always be a level of risk associated with the leasing out or leasing of a horse. The majority of what a lessor and lessee can do to protect both themselves and the horse relates to having a lease contract signed before the start of the lease.

Leasing is an important part of equestrian sport. Young riders outgrow horses both physically and performance-wise, and older riders may not be in a position to take on the permanent responsibility of owning a horse. The good and the bad of leasing is that you give the horse back at the end. When all goes well, it is a win-win for both parties.

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Five Key Factors in Protecting Your Horse While Out on Lease

Before beginning a lease, take some measures to ensure that the agreement reflects your expectations and protects the safety of your horse. It's always best to plan ahead to minimize the potential of the lease becoming a source of angst if things go wrong. We take a look at the five top components of a lease contract that will help the lease work smoothly for both parties.

5 Key Factors to Protect Your Horse When Out On a Lease

1

The Trainer/Stable

Identify the trainer in the lease agreement and include a clause that a change in trainer may only occur with your approval in writing.



2

Quality of Care

Specify the care that you expect the horse to receive.

3

Restrictions for Use

Here is your chance to outline any specific activities you may not want the horse to be used for, especially if it's older or has had a past injury.



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In Case of Injury

Lease contracts should include information on what happens should death, injury, or illness occur. While it's not something we like to think about for our horses, these situations do arise, and all parties should be prepared if they do.

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Insurance

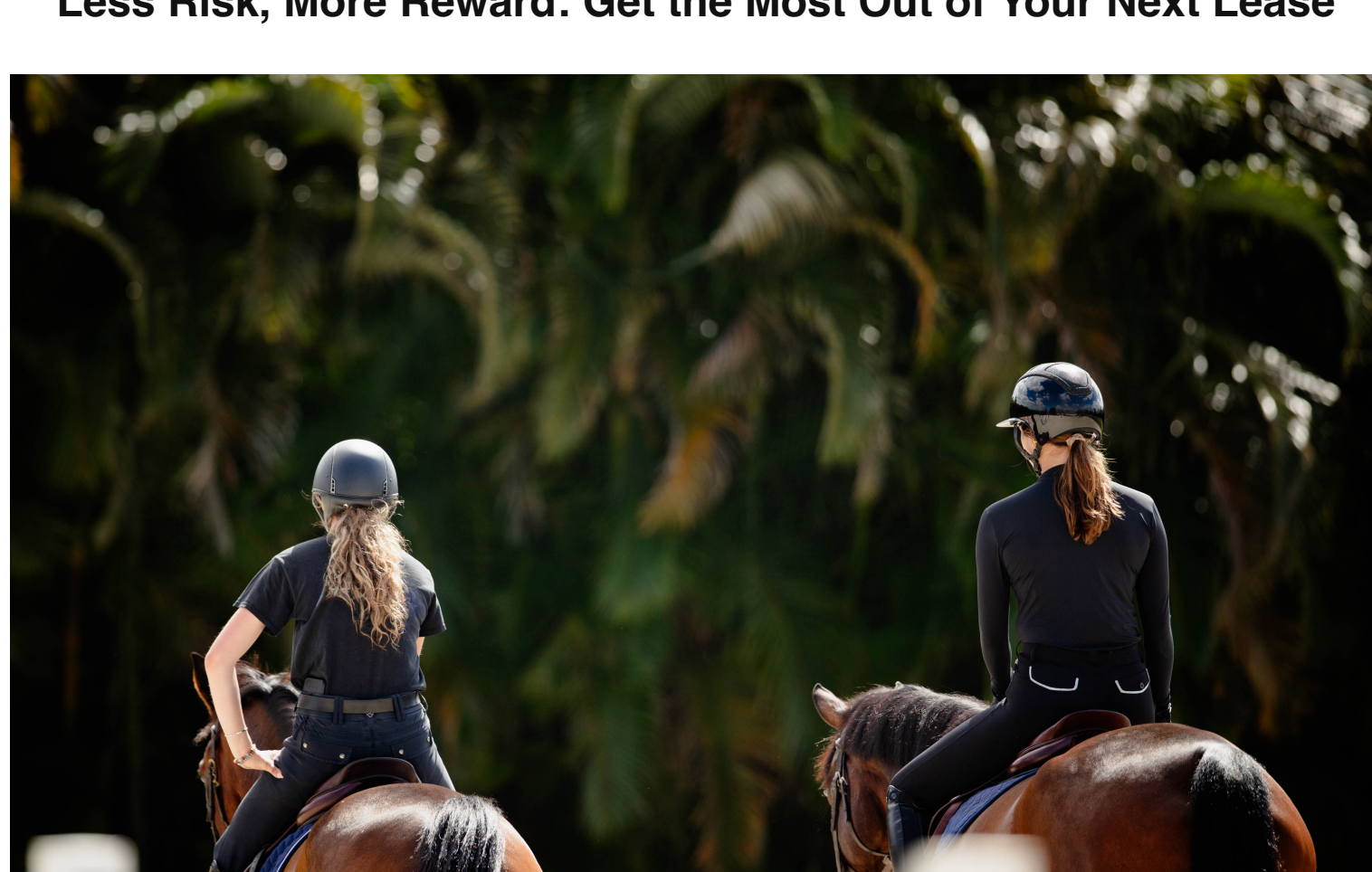
Include insurance requirements in the lease contract.



While it may seem like a lot of work at first, a solid lease agreement is vital to protecting you and your horse. A well-crafted contract ensures that both the lessor and lessee have a clear understanding of the terms agreed to and can provide a sense of predictability if untoward events arise.

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Leasing is an attractive alternative to buying or selling a horse for many riders and owners because it can accommodate a wide range of needs. As with any form of contract, leases vary in complexity depending on the particular needs of the individuals involved, from simple form agreements to detailed individualized provisions. These documents can be complex – what is the level of the horse? How much money is involved? How much risk are the lessor and lessee willing to take? These questions and more help to determine how in-depth the lease agreement needs to be. This is important because sellers effectively reallocate risks and rewards between otherwise traditional horse sellers and buyers. This article looks at ways that lessors and lessees can work through some common lease problems that may otherwise prevent a pairing.

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