

Free Guide to Buying & Selling A Horse

Selling a Horse



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1. Are you selling the horse as part of a business? This is not always obvious but it is important to know because if you are, the law imposes greater obligations on you which give your buyer more rights.
2. Have you prepared an advert? Can you back up everything you say?
3. Are you using an agent? Have you provided your agent with detailed instructions? We would recommend all instructions are in writing.
4. Are you offering a pre-purchase loan to allow the buyer to try the horse? If so, do you have a temporary loan agreement in place? Do you have insurance in place?
5. Will you insist that the horse is vetted prior to purchase?
6. Have you prepared a sale and purchase agreement setting out the terms of the sale?

For further information on selling your horse, please contact **Caroline Bowler** on **0115 9 100 200** or email equine@actons.co.uk



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1. Do you have sufficient experience to fully try the horse? Do you need a more experienced person to accompany you to the trial? It is also useful to have someone else independent present at a trial in case you need to prove later what the seller told you about the horse.
2. Who are you dealing with? Are they the owner of the horse? Are they the owner's agent? How long have they had the horse? Have you told the seller what you intend to use the horse for?
3. Are you intending to have the horse vetted? Have you specifically told the vet for what purpose you intend to use the horse?
4. Are you intending to take the horse on loan prior to agreeing to purchase it? Have you arranged insurance for the loan period?
5. How do you intend to pay for the horse? It is worth bearing in mind that if you are a consumer you will get greater legal protection if payment is made by credit card.
6. Has the seller given you a signed receipt confirming the amount paid? Have they provided you with a warranty? Have you insured the horse from the date of purchase?
7. Is there a written agreement setting out what you and the seller have agreed? Have you read any small print? Do you understand it? Does it accurately record what you agreed?

All of these matters can affect your rights if you sell or buy a horse. This free guide is not to be relied on without specific advice being taken from us.

Taking full legal advice before you sell or buy is likely to be more cost effective than first taking advice after things have gone wrong. For further information and advice please call **Caroline Bowler** on **0115 9 100 200** or email her with your contact details at equine@actons.co.uk