

Newsletter

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"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Henry Ford

Welcome New Members

Casse Sales Chateau Farm Donarra Thoroughbreds **Eddie Woods Racing** Elangeni Farm JMJ Racing Lemons Mill Farm Michael Lowenbaum Morgan's Ford Farm **New Day Racing** Gary Stevens Tenlane Farm

The Liabilities Of Disclosure Of Pre-Sale Vet Reports by Bill Hoskins

It is not an uncommon practice for horse owners and consignors to provide information such as veterinary reports to prospective purchasers prior to the sale of a weanling, yearling or racing prospect in order to provide that prospective purchaser the confidence to bid on his or her horse.

What horse owners and consignors may not consider is the liability they could potentially face for providing such information to prospective purchasers. The purpose of this short article is to help inform horse owners and consignors about steps that can be taken to limit such liabilities and exposures.

Horses are "Goods" by definition under the Uniform Commercial Code. "Goods" are often sold with two types of warranties-express and implied. Express warranties are written or oral assurances that a good is of a certain condition. An implied warranty of merchantability is an understood assurance that goods are reasonably fit for the general purpose for which they are sold or are of like quality to goods generally sold in the market. An implied warranty of fitness for

a particular purpose can arise under certain circumstances and, when present, is essentially an understood assurance that the goods sold are suitable to be used for a specific purpose.

Owners and consignors selling their horses through major auction houses are covered under a warranty disclaimer through the sales companies conditions of sale that states "THERE IS NO WARRANTY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED BY THE SALES **COMPANY OR CON-**SIGNOR EXCEPT FOR THE LIMITED WARRAN-TIES SET FORTH IN THE CONDITIONS OF SALE." Every consignor and owner is covered under these conditions of sale until they verbally or otherwise state that their horse is "clean on xrays" or "has a good throat or scope". You have then very likely provided an express or implied warranty that the horse you are representing is suitable for a specific use.

Industry stakeholders are well aware that veterinary science is subjective and vet opinions can and often do differ. With this in mind the CBA is recom-



mending the following education initiative and materials that will help inform the prospective purchaser while encouraging them to have a relationship with a veterinarian of their choice. The CBA therefore suggests the placing of educational disclaimers in visible areas around sales grounds as well as use of a label to be adhered to consignor veterinary reports. The labels can be obtained from the CBA website at www.consignorsandbreeders.com.

While the CBA has made these suggestions, individual horse owners and consignors should also be proactive in notifying prospective purchasers that no warranties exist with respect to a horse being sold. To that end, horse owners and consignors should make prospective

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The CBA works democratically on behalf of every consignor and commercial breeder, large and small, to provide representation and a constructive, unified voice related to sales issues, policies, and procedures. The Association's initiatives are designed to encourage a fair and expanding marketplace for all who breed, buy or sell thoroughbreds.



The Liabilities Of Disclosure Of Pre-Sale Vet Reports (cont. from P1)

purchasers aware of the following:

- The only warranties made regarding a horse for sale are those limited warranties stated in the applicable conditions of sale;
- Opinions found in veterinarian reports are not the opinions of the horse owner or his consignor;
- Veterinarian opinions can and often do differ;
- The skill or judgment of a horse owner or consignor should not be relied upon when selecting a horse;
- Prospective purchasers should always personally inspect and examine any horse before placing a bid on it, and
- If prospective purchasers desire a professional opinion as to the condition or fitness of a horse, they should hire their own veterinarian to inspect the horse.

By informing prospective purchasers that no warranties exist with respect to a horse, horse owners and consignors can substantially limit potential liability. The phrase "buyer beware" has lost a certain amount of its force in recent times, and horse owners and consignors may better protect themselves from legal pitfalls simply by implementing these few easy practices. While this provides the owner or consignor with a means to limit their liability it does not protect them from fraudulent activities that would include amending or doctoring reports from a veterinarian to aid in the promotion or marketing of that horse.

Because the facts of every situation differ with each circumstance, and while this article only intends to provide general guidelines, it is a good idea to have your specific situation evaluated by your legal counsel.

The CBA Develops Pre-Sale Questionnaires For The Use Of Consignors

The CBA board of directors has developed a series of informational questionnaires for the use of all consignor members. The questionnaires are designed to provide a uniform, "best practices" information sheet for obtaining as much accurate and essential information as possible to help with marketing as well as provide the consignor useful information on the horse being sold including those items needed to meet conditions of sale. Through their use, the CBA intends to set an industry standard for consignors and our group as a whole.

The series includes a questionnaire for each age category of sales horse (i.e. weanling, yearling, broodmare or broodmare prospect, and racing prospect) and asks questions that are relevant to each group. Questionnaires can be downloaded at www.consignorsandbreeders.com. The questionnaires do not need to be returned to the CBA. They were created for consignors to send to their clients as a way to uniformly gather the information needed to effectively market sales horses. The information obtained can then be transferred to sales books or utilized in a manner that best meets the consignor's needs. These questionnaires can be used in conjunction with any further documentation or items that are proprietary to individual agencies.

The CBA board of directors have unanimously agreed to use these documents when gathering information and encourages all consignor members to do the same.

If you have any questions or comments or are unable to download these documents, please contact Savannah Short in the CBA office at (859) 243-0033.

Guidelines Regarding New Anabolic Steroid Policies for Weanlings and Yearlings

Printed at the request of Keeneland Association.

Conditions of Sale
Condition Twelfth

Exogenous Anabolic Steroids in Yearlings and Weanlings

Limited Warranties: Consignor warrants that any weanling or yearling entered in this sale shall not have been administered any exogenous anabolic steroids ("EAS") within 45 days of the date of sale

We would like to remind consignors that Purchasers may avail themselves of blood tests for the presence of Exogenous Anabolic Steroids. If the blood test is found to be Positive, the Buyer has the right to rescind the sale and return the horse to the Seller.

The 45-day withdrawal time assumes that under normal conditions, a horse that has previously received Exogenous Anabolic Steroids will not produce a positive blood test result. The

45-day withdrawal time does not mean that all horses treated with Exogenous Anabolic Steroids will test absolutely Negative at the time of sale.

Therefore, we encourage
Consignors and their Veterinarians to show greater caution in administration and subsequent withdrawal of
Exogenous Anabolic Steroids to avoid the possibility of a
Positive blood test result.
A Positive at any level will be considered a Positive and

subject to the Purchaser's Right of Return.

Other Prohibited Practices:

- 1) **Shockwave Therapy** in any form once the horse enters the sales grounds.
- 2) Acupuncture and/or Electro-Stimulation with the intent of altering laryngeal function once the horse enters the sales grounds.
- 3) <u>Internal Blister (behind the knee)</u> for alteration of conformation.

CBA MEMBERSHIP

CBA members account for approximately 75% of auction sales revenue in North America.



Dreamfields

Dunford Farm

Eaton Sales

Edition Farm

Elangeni Farm

Flk Manor Farm

Dromoland Farm

Eddie Woods Stables

Elm Tree Farm Equus Farm Eutrophia Farm Fahlgren, Smoot Falls Creek Farm Fares Farm Farish, W.S. III Farish, W.S. Jr. Feld, Bob Flying High Farm Folck, Timothy Foster, John Four Star Sales Foxtale Farm Foxwood Thoroughbreds Gabriel Thoroughbreds Gaines-Gentry T'breds Gainesway Farm Gallagher's Stud Gardiner Farms Gaulstown Stud Glenmalure Farm Glennwood Farm Glory Days Breeding Goff, Dash Golden Eagle Farm Goldthorpe, Jack Good Win Farm Gracefield Graystone Farm Greenfield Farm Greenwood Farm **Gulf Coast Farms** Haras de Santa Isabel Haras du Fresnay Hardin Farm Hart Farm Hartwell Farm Henry, Richard Herbener Farm Hermitage Farm Hidden Brook Farm Highclere Hilbert Thoroughbreds Hill 'n' Dale Sales Hinkle Farms Howard, Neil Hunter Valley Farm Hurstland Farm Hyde, Timmy Idle Hour Farm Indian Creek Ingordo, David Iron County Farm J & J Mamakos Jamm Ltd. JLT Bloodstock JMJ Racing Stables Journeyman Bloodstock Justice Farm Kane, Eddie Kildare Stud Kilflynn Farm Kilroy Thoroughbreds Kindergarten Farm Kingswood Farm Kinsman Farm Knockgriffin Farm La Ciega Lane's End Farm Langsem Farm Legacy Bloodstock Lemons Mill Farm Leprechaun Racing Robert/Beverly Lewis Trust

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Shawnee Farm

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Code Of Conduct Reminder

Fasig-Tipton and Keeneland have included a code of conduct in their conditions of sale for 2008. For all of those who are not familiar with the code, the CBA encourages all sales participants to review the code of conduct in the upcoming 2008 catalogues. The code may also be referenced in the CBA's first quarter newsletter of 2008 or at www.consignorsandbreeders.com.

CBA Sales Presence

In an effort to further participation and enrollment of members in the CBA, the organization will have a presence at all upcoming sales. The CBA encourages all members to introduce others in the industry to the organization, so that we can maintain our position in the industry.

If there is any need for CBA signs, educational booklets, or new member sign-up cards, contact Savannah Short at (859) 243-0033.

DEADLINE NOTICES



8/1/08 - Deadline: Keeneland Nov. Breeding Stock Sale



8/13/08 - Nomination Deadline: Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Selected Fall Mixed

8/15/08 - Deadline: Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearlings

Talk To Us! www.consignorsandbreeders.com

Please visit the CBA website—www.consignorsandbreeders.com—to voice your ideas and opinions. The CBA was formed to give a voice to all consignors and commercial breeders, large and small.

To ensure the association continues to work toward its mission, visit "Contact Us" on our website, email **info@consignorsandbreeders.com**, or alternatively, you can call the CBA at (859) 243-0033.

CBA Subcommittees

Following are the standing committees for **2008**. The CBA welcomes members to participate on these committees and would like to get the membership more involved. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please talk to a CBA board member or officer.

Budget:

Craig Bandoroff (chair), Neil Howard, James Keogh, John Stuart

Education:

Rob Whiteley (chair), Clifford Barry, Andrew Cary, Martha Jane Mulholland, Mark Taylor

Legislative:

Kerry Cauthen (chair), Mike Cline, Don Robinson, Dermot Ryan

Membership:

Mike Cline (chair), Pat Costello, Robbie Lyons, Dermot Ryan

Communications/Newsletter:

Braxton Lynch (chair), Mike Owens, Kitty Taylor, Rob Whiteley

Nomination:

Bayne Welker (chair), Craig Bandoroff, Kerry Cauthen, Mike Cline, Mark Taylor,

Medication/Vet:

Tom VanMeter (chair), Craig Bandoroff, Kerry Cauthen, Bayne Welker, Mark Taylor

Website:

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