



BENEFITS OF OWNERSHIP

- Ability to build relationships with individuals that share enjoyment, common interests in love of horses, Eventing and watching the sport grow
- The enjoyment of watching the relationship between Athlete and horse develop and strengthen
- Being part of an amazing community, and team (athletes, owners, grooms, vets, friends, etc.)
- Ability to watch your horse succeed at progressively more challenging levels
- Attending diverse venues and locations
- Becoming part of a support system and resource for the athletes and other owners

TYPES OF OWNERSHIP

Owning an event horse, at any level of ownership is an exciting, fun, and rewarding experience.

SOLE/ FULL OWNERSHIP

Sole or Full ownership is where an owner is responsible for all costs associated with the horse. This could be an Athlete owning for themselves, or an individual owning a horse for an athlete. This is the most involved type of ownership where the ultimate decision making and financial responsibility lies with one person.

PARTNERSHIP

Usually a group of two or three individuals who invest in a horse (or a few horses). A partnership often has fewer members than a syndicate. Decision making can be shared between owners and athlete. Owner partners pay their share of the cost of maintenance and training of the horse, as defined by a partnership agreement.

SYNDICATION

A group of several owners sharing a common goal of investing in a horse for a particular athlete. Percentage shares can range with each syndicate owner bearing their pro rata share of the initial investment as well as ongoing costs. This allows new and continuing owners the opportunity to experience ownership at a lower cost than sole ownership or perhaps a partnership. A syndicate is typically governed by a Syndicate Agreement. Athletes are typically the decision makers for the syndicated horse.

For more information regarding eventing ownership, please contact Alexis Efraimson at Aefraimson@usef.org or scan this QR code to link directly to the USEF Website



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USEF GUIDE TO EVENTING OWNERSHIP





COMMITMENTS OF EVENTING OWNERSHIP

- Emotional - Ups and downs of the sport
- Financial - Understanding of and support for the financial requirements including: budget, development and maintenance, travel, veterinary, etc. expenses.
- Establish clear expectations and goals –
Not every horse is a 5-star horse

OWNER ATHLETE CONNECTION: ATHLETE ADVICE

- Alignment of clear expectations, goals, and values
- Establishment of a relationship built on trust, honesty and transparent communication
- Mutual understanding of length of process and financial commitment

“ EVENT HORSES ARE REMARKABLE ATHLETES THAT SUCCEED BECAUSE OF THEIR COURAGE, TALENT AND SPEED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THEIR RIDERS.

OWNERSHIP HAS ENABLED US TO BECOME PART OF THIS TEAM AND TO SHARE IN THE UNIQUE EXCITEMENT OF 3 DAY EVENTING.”

– TIM AND NINA GARDNER, EVENTING OWNERS FOR JENNIE SAVILLE

“ BECOMING AN EVENTING OWNER IS ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING THINGS I HAVE EVER TAKEN PART OF, AND I AM NOT EVEN A HORSE PERSON”

– RICH BOOTH, EVENTING OWNER FOR WILL COLEMAN

“ IT HAS BEEN GRATIFYING TO WITNESS THE DEDICATION AND GRIT OF EVENTING ATHLETES AND HOW THEY BUILD A TRUE PARTNERSHIP WITH THEIR HORSES. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE MET SO MANY INCREDIBLE PEOPLE OTHER OWNERS, GROOMS, VETS, USEF/USEA STAFF, ETC.

– ELLEN AHEARN & ERIC MARKELL, EVENTING OWNERS FOR TAMRA SMITH

“ EVENTING OWNERSHIP HAS BEEN AN UNDENIABLE ADVENTURE AS AN OWNER FOR MY DAUGHTER, AND THEN A PROFESSIONAL RIDER. I HAVE NOW BEEN AN OWNER FOR 10 YEARS AND MY LOVE FOR THE SPORT, AND HAVING THE PRIVILEGE TO SUPPORT A RIDER HAS ONLY INCREASED.

I ENCOURAGE ANYONE AND EVERYONE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE OWNERSHIP OF A HORSE, HOW BIG OR HOW SMALL, IT IS SUCH A THRILL.

– CAROL STEPHENS, EVENTING OWNER FOR SYDNEY ELLIOTT