

Chris Sorensen's Statement to Horse Sport

Sorensen Stables is passionate about helping riders find horses that meet their abilities and goals. We have worked hard over many years to build a reputation for excellence in the industry, resulting in hundreds of happy, successful partnerships between horses and riders.

This is a regrettable situation. Prior to the sale of the horse, we verbally communicated to the buyers that the horse had a mild form of shivers. The buyer approved the vet and the results of the vet check at the time of the sale.

There were no complaints during the first six months of ownership. When the buyers and their new trainer brought their concerns to our attention six months after the purchase, we offered to provide a replacement horse.

When we moved to the Netherlands our Belgium-based company was dissolved, based on the advice of our accountant. Our corporate structure is overseen by a Partner at MNP, where Martin Martenfeld is also a Partner.

This is a civil legal matter, which both parties agreed to have adjudicated in Belgium. It is the first time we have ever had legal action initiated against us. We won the first suit brought against us by the Martenfelds and we are in the process of appealing the decision in their second suit. The Martenfelds have twice taken legal action against the vet and lost both times.

Chris has extensively volunteered in the equestrian community in Canada. Chris has represented the Canadian Nations Cup team on four continents, was one of Canada's first certified High-Performance Coaches, has coached students to almost every national championships and representation on Canadian Youth teams, and been on the Board of Equestrian Canada for five years, currently serving as the President.