

Veterinary Examination

Clinic Name: _____

Veterinarian: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Client Name:	Date:
Phone Number:	
Address:	

<u>Horse's Registered Name:</u>		<u>Barn Name:</u>
<u>Breed:</u>	<u>Sex:</u>	<u>Age:</u>
<u>Color/Markings:</u>		
<u>Intended use:</u>		
<u>Previous use:</u>		
<u>Previous Medical History/Current Medications:</u>		
<u>Behavioral Abnormalities/Vices:</u>		
<u>Information above stated by:</u>		

Key: WNL= within normal limits, NE= Not Examined, N/A = Not Applicable
BCS= Body Condition Score, Ranging from 1 (emaciated) to 9 (morbidly obese)

Physical Examination

<u>Temp:</u>	<u>HR:</u>	<u>RR:</u>	<u>Body Condition Score:</u>
<u>Attitude/Behavior:</u>			

Cardiovascular

<u>Heart rhythm/sounds:</u>		
<u>MM color:</u>	<u>CRT:</u>	<u>Peripheral vessels:</u>
<u>Auscultation:</u>		

Respiratory

<u>Rest:</u>	
<u>During exercise:</u>	
<u>Cough?:</u>	<u>Nostrils:</u>

Gastrointestinal

<u>GI motility:</u>	<u>Manure Consistency:</u>
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Integument

<u>General Condition:</u>		
<u>Evidence of:</u>	<u>Neurectomy?</u>	<u>Throat Surgery?</u>
	<u>Abdominal Surgery?</u>	<u>Masses?</u>
<u>Other Scars?</u>		

Peripheral Lymph Nodes

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Ocular Examination

	<u>OS (Left)</u>	<u>OD (Right)</u>
Lids		
Menace/PLR:		
Cornea:		
Anterior chamber:		
Posterior chamber:		
Fundus:		
<u>Additional Comments:</u>		

Oral Examination

Note: a thorough oral examination requires the use of a full mouth speculum, and is usually performed in sedated horses to reduce risk of injury to horse, handler, and examiner.

<u>Exam Type:</u>	<u>Brief:</u>	<u>Full mouth speculum:</u>	<u>Sedation:</u>
<u>Bite/Occlusion:</u>		<u>Incisors:</u>	
<u>Canines:</u>		<u>Wolf teeth:</u>	
<u>Cheek teeth:</u>			
<u>Additional comments:</u>			

Musculoskeletal Examination

<u>Conformation:</u>	
<u>Facial symmetry:</u>	<u>TMJ:</u>
<u>Neck/shoulders/withers:</u>	<u>Back:</u>
<u>Pelvic Palpation:</u>	
<u>Muscle symmetry:</u>	

	Left Front	Right Front	Left Hind	Right Hind
Shoeing?				
Hoof conformation?				
Limb conformation?				
Palpable findings?				
Fetlock ROM?				
Carpus/Tarsus ROM				
Hoof Testers:				

Soundness Evaluation

Lameness is graded on the AAEP scale (0-5, 0 = no lameness to 5 = non-weight bearing). Flexions are graded 0, +1, +2, +3 based on if/how lame the horse is as it jogs off.

<u>Footing:</u>
<u>Additional Comments:</u>

On the Straight	Walk:
	Trot:

		Left Front	Right Front	Left Hind	Right Hind
Flexions:	Lower Limb				
	Upper Limb				
Comments:					

Lunging Evaluation

Tracking Left	Walk	
	Trot	
	Canter	
Tracking Right	Walk	
	Trot	
	Canter	
Comments:		

Neurologic Examination

<u>Tail tone:</u>	<u>Tail pull:</u>
<u>Backing:</u>	<u>Cranial Nerves:</u>

Genitalia:

Note: it is often not possible to evaluate the penis without tranquilizing the horse.

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Other Diagnostics:

Radiographs:	
Ultrasound:	
Endoscopy:	
Drug Screen:	
Other Bloodwork:	
Other:	

Conclusions & Additional Comments:

Veterinarian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Disclaimer: It is important to remember that a pre-purchase examination can only give information about the horse’s health and condition on the day of the exam. While this information is very important, it is never a complete picture. Many factors that impact a horse’s health are not necessarily detectable on the day of the examination. The veterinarian cannot predict the horse’s future, and no guarantees can be issued. The role of the veterinarian in the pre-purchase examination is not to “pass” or “fail” the horse. Instead, it is to help you make an informed decision by providing information about the horse’s health and soundness on the day of the examination. Ultimately, the decision to purchase this animal can only be made by the prospective buyer. Remember, the veterinarian is happy to discuss any questions the prospective buyer may have about the examination findings.