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Pre-Purchase Exam

A Pre-purchase exam is a guide to making sure you get the horse you desire. The Pre-purchase exam is designed to give you the power to make an educated choice when selecting a horse for yourself. This exam can be as in-depth as you desire. Please check with any insurance you may be receiving with the horse as they may require specific items to be acquired before the purchase. Remember, a pre-purchase is designed to help you make the decision of purchase and cannot help you after you have purchased the animal.

At Licking Valley Veterinary Services we have a multi-step process in the pre-purchase exam. The first step will be collecting information from both the buyer and the seller of the horse. Please fill out the buyer section of the form and have the current owner of the horse fill out their section of the form. Once both parties have completed and returned this form we can schedule an appointment. We always recommend the potential buyer be present for a pre-purchase exam but we understand that is not always an option, in which case we can discuss over the phone or a virtual consult the results of the exam.

We rarely pass or fail an animal but instead tell you the pros and cons to what we find on an exam. This is your purchase and we want you to be happy with the risks associated with purchasing the animal. We take it step by step and charge based on the steps completed. If a problem is found we often recommend that the seller then address that problem and the pre-purchase exam is re-done at a later date.

If you have any questions please let us know. The following pages outline the various portions of the exam with brief explanations and rough estimates (prices subject to change). Please mark which sections you would like completed and return the form. After the exam our official report will be a document completed after we have had time to evaluate all the information as a whole, including lab tests which take time to return. Phone and in-person conversations are not our official report. We recommend waiting to read the final report for your decision and recommend you go over that report with your regular veterinarian before final purchase decisions are made.

Buyer Information

Buyer Name: _____

Buyer Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

If buyer is not going to be physically present for the exam, is there a different phone number to reach them at during the exam? _____

Before the Exam:

- 1.) Please complete this form and return to us.
- 2.) Please have the seller complete their portion and return to us.
- 3.) Only after both buyer and seller portions are completed will we schedule a pre-purchase exam. These will be completed AT OUR OFFICE LOCATION.

Buyer:

- 1.) What do you intend to do with this horse?
- 2.) Is there anything specific you are looking for in the horse?
- 3.) Are there specific problems you wish to rule out when evaluating this horse for purchase?
- 4.) Does insurance need anything specific for the purchase of this horse?
- 5.) If the horse does not have a current negative EIA (Coggins Test) we can perform this test for you but recommend in your purchase contract that sale is contingent on this test returning negative.

Seller Information

Before the Exam:

_____ (buyers name) is interested in purchasing
_____ (horse's name) owned by
_____ (owner's name).

We have been contacted to complete a pre-purchase exam for the Buyer. We request that you submit the following information before we schedule the exam.

- 1.) Past veterinary medical history. The more complete the medical history the better information we can give to the buyer, including vaccine and dental history, negative EIA (Coggins), any other bloodwork that been run, copies of previous radiographs, etc.
 - a. If a negative Coggins has not been completed recently we can complete one at LVVS at the time of the Pre-Purchase exam.
 - b. Please note, we ask for the horse's full medical history (with doctor's notes).
 - c. If vaccines and de-wormers were administered without veterinary supervision please include schedules and list products used.
- 2.) What farrier is used to maintain the horse and could you provide his name/number in case questions arise about hoof care?
- 3.) Does this horse receive other complementary care (ex. Chiropractor)? If so what is the provider's name and contact information?
- 4.) Is there anything you wish to disclose about the horse?
- 5.) Does this horse have any known vices?
- 6.) Is the horse microchipped or tattooed? If so, please provide the number or tattoo.
- 7.) Has the horse had any medical or lameness issues in the past or currently? Yes / No
 - a. Please provide more history/information about any medical or lameness issues.
- 8.) Is the horse receiving any supplements? If so, which specifically?
- 9.) Is the horse on any current medications such as Bute or Equioxx? If so, what?
- 10.) If a gelding, have both testicles been removed?

I, the owner or authorized agent of the owner, grant consent to perform an examination and procedures to be performed for purpose of determining the health status of this horse. I certify that have provided accurate and complete information and understand any medical exam or procedure has some minimal inherent risk and hold the veterinarian not liable for normal issues which can occur.

Seller's Signature

Date

The Exam

Basic Exam / Lameness Exam(\$90-200): This goes over the various body structures of the horse and flexions while walking/jogging the horse looking for abnormalities. The total price depends on time involved with a case. In general, the more well-behaved and healthier a horse is, the lower the price. This also covers administrative time preparing for this exam and writing reports of this exam. This fee is not subject to a strict time basis and can vary. For advising and proceeding with the administrative portion of this exam, a minimum of \$30 will be charged.

Horse loaded and unloaded from the trailer?

Sex: _____ Age: _____ Breed: _____ Horse Barn Name: _____

Horse Full Name: _____

Basic Exam:	Veterinary Notes
Mentation	
Handle-ability	
MM/CRT	
Heart	
Lungs	
Lungs with Rebreathing bag:	
Hydration Level	
Digital Pulses	
Temperature	
GI auscultation	
Ocular Exam	
Oral Exam (without sedation)	(only first 1/3 of mouth reliably evaluated)
Oral Exam (with sedation)	(if requested by owner sedated after lameness and neurological portion) (additional \$30)
Do teeth match reported age?	
Colic scar?	
BCS:	
Overall appearance, scars or other exam notes:	
Basic Neuro Exam (up and down hill):	
Lameness Evaluation	
Hoof tester/overall appearance Front Left: Left Rear: Front Right:	

Right Rear:	
Appearance at Walk(Straight-line)	
Appearance at Trot (Straight-line)	
Flexion Front Left: Distal Carpus Shoulder	
Front Right: Distal Carpus Shoulder	
Left Rear Distal Hock Stifle	
Right Rear Distal Hock Stifle	
Neck Flexions / Extensions:	
Neurologic Status:	

Please circle the additional diagnostic tests you wish LVVS to complete at the time of the exam:

Radiographs \$180(individual joint) – \$300-600 Full body: X-rays evaluate bone changes in the body. This can show things such as arthritis.

Equine Coggins (EIA) and Health Cert \$50: Required for sale of a horse. LVVS puts the Coggins name in the name of the person paying for the exam.

Equine CBC/CHEM/Fibrinogen \$187: This evaluates the internal organs of a horse such as the liver and kidney. We will evaluate for signs of inflammation or infection or signs leaning to other problems in the horse.

Equine Cushings Test (Only performed if desired in horses over 15 years of age) \$123: NOTE: this test is unable to rule out the disease developing in the future.

Equine Neurologic Panel (\$ 620): Tests for neurologic diseases of West Nile, EPM, Equine Herpes Virus and Encephalitis.

Equine Pre-Purchase Drug Screening \$650: Checks for drugs that could be making the horse falsely calm or covering up pain of illnesses that could be hiding problems we see at the time of the pre-purchase exam.

Fecal: \$20: This gives us an idea of how many parasites are in the horse and whether it is being properly dewormed or not.

Equine Pregnancy Test \$283: If you don't want two horses for the price of one, or are expecting two horses, we can run an equine pregnancy test to determine if the horse is pregnant at least 70 days of gestation.

Other Tests Requested: _____

Above prices may fluctuate and are offered as a guide to typical clinic pricing not a firm quote.

The veterinarian makes no determination and expresses no opinion as to the suitability of the animal for the purpose intended but rather tries to give the buyer the information to make sound opinions for themselves. This pre-purchase exam gives medical information for the immediate time of the exam and does not guarantee the horse to be free from underlying disease that has not shown clinical signs on the date and at the time of the examination. Problems this horse may have in future cannot all be foreseen. The horse will not receive a pass or fail but rather information about the horse given to let the buyer make the decision on whether to purchase the horse or renegotiate the sale of this horse. No warranty on the horse is issued by the veterinarian and this should be discussed with the seller if desired.