



## PRE-PURCHASE EXAM FORMS– 2011

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Dear Client,

A purchase examination is a thorough physical examination stating an opinion of the horse on the day of the exam. The guidelines we follow in doing the examination are current with the standards set by the veterinary profession.

The exam is performed for the buyer and not the seller. It is the buyer's responsibility to inform the veterinarian of the intended use of the horse and what past history they know. The buyer must also inform us of what radiographs, blood work (CBC, profile, Coggins, drug testing), or diagnostics (endoscopy, reproductive work-up, etc...) are to be done. Purchase examination fees can be expensive, and it is the buyer's option to decide what is to be done on a particular case. If a professional is acting as an agent for the buyer, he or she should be aware of what diagnostics are to be done.

When doing a purchase examination, we are asked to give an opinion as to whether a horse has any indications of problems. We cannot predict the future of any horse. We try to give the best opinion possible from examining the horse on that particular day. Horses are like people in that they have different pain tolerances. Therefore, it is impossible to be positive on any day that no sub-clinical problem exists. It should be understood that the veterinarian does not issue a warranty on any particular case, and if one is desired, this should be contracted with the seller.

The horse will not receive a "pass" or "fail." The decision to buy can only be made by the buyer. It is not our job to state talent, suitability, disposition, or value. Only the buyer is able to decide if these parameters meet his/her satisfaction.

Please discuss any questions regarding the exam with us before you pay for the horse. Radiographs are a legal part of a medical record and are the property of the veterinarian. They are only mailed to veterinarians requesting them and only after the bill has been settled.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_, D.V.M.                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the above letter.

\_\_\_\_\_                                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# BUYER'S STATEMENT – 2011

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Date of Pre-purchase Exam: \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (please print clearly)

Will you be present at the exam (Circle one): Yes / No If Not, Name of Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Use/ Level \_\_\_\_\_

Seller's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: It is a PCE policy to have credit card information prior to pre-purchase examination date. Your credit card will be debited at the end of the day that the horse was discharged, unless you prefer to pay by check, in person at the time of the discharge. By signing this information form, you authorize such a credit card debit (unless paid by check at the time payment is due).

Type of card (circle one): Amex    MasterCard    Visa    Discover

Vcode: (3 digit code on back of credit card, or 4 digit number on front of Amex) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The purchase exam is expressly limited by my statements and instructions, on the depth of the examination desired, and the specific tests that I have requested.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Buyer/ Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## BUYER'S COSTS – 2011

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*The items below will be performed at the pre-purchase examination.  
Prices are subject to change.*

**Call Charge** – (If applicable).

**Pre-purchase Clinical and Moving Examination: \$369.50**

The clinical examination begins with a comprehensive evaluation of the horse's respiratory, cardiovascular, musculoskeletal and gastrointestinal systems. During the moving evaluation, the horse will be examined at a walk and trot on a firm surface, and lunged at the walk, trot and canter in both directions on a lunge line. A neurological exam will also be performed. In addition, flexions of the forelimbs and hind limbs will be evaluated. Under the direction of the veterinarian, the horse may be observed under saddle; therefore, we recommend bringing tack to the pre-purchase examination. Anyone who rides the horse will have to sign a waiver and must wear an ASTM-approved helmet.

*\*\*\*Please place a check mark in the boxes below to indicate which services you would like performed at the pre-purchase examination.*

**Digital Radiographic Examination: \$125 - \$1500**

Following the moving examination, the horse will proceed to Radiology. It is standard in our pre-purchase examinations to remove the horse's front shoes in order to obtain the best quality radiographs of the front feet. Exceptions will need to be discussed with the veterinarian performing the examination. We do not provide a farrier on the premises every day. Arrangements to have the shoes replaced will need to be made in advance. More advanced diagnostics such as ultrasound may be indicated if swelling, thickening, or sensitivity of the tendons or ligaments is palpated. A standard set of pre-purchase radiographs requires 24 – 32 views including: Front feet/ navicular, all four fetlocks, both hocks, and both stifles. More radiographs, such as the neck, carpi and splint bones, may be indicated depending on the clinical and moving evaluation. A copy of the radiographs can be provided upon request on a CD format. All shipping charges will be at the buyer's expense.

*\*\*If a full set of radiographs accompany the horse and will be used instead of radiographs performed at our clinic, there will be a \$300 radiographic consultation fee.*

**CBC: \$85.70**

A complete blood count (CBC w/ Fibrinogen) will be taken which is one of the most common blood tests performed to help diagnose various infections or other abnormal conditions of the body.

**Coggins (EIA): \$45.50**

**Chemistry (Blood Work): \$95**

A blood chemistry panel provides additional information concerning muscle enzymes, kidney, liver, and other organ function.

**Drug Screen (depending on the level of testing): (\$215-275)**

The drug screen blood work is sent out to a lab; therefore, results are often not available for at least 5-7 working days. We do not recommend storing serum for drug screens to be performed at a later date, as the testable medications may deteriorate in the sample and not provide accurate results.

**\*EKG: \$195.40**

Provides information about the electrical activity of the heart, and is used as a diagnostic aid for cardiovascular problems.

**\*Video Endoscopy: \$220.70**

Provides direct visual examination of the upper respiratory tract and helps enable diagnosis of such conditions as of such conditions as laryngeal hemiplegia, aryepiglottic entrapment, pharyngeal cysts, and lymphoid hyperplasia.

**Health Certificate (for horse leaving out of state): \$51**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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# SELLER'S STATEMENT – 2011

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Buyer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seller's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seller's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current use of horse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of work horse currently in: \_\_\_\_\_ Days per Week: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approximate # of Minutes/ Workout: \_\_\_\_\_  
Has horse been out of work for greater than 1 month in the past 2 years? \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions:

- How long have you owned or known the horse? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the horse last vaccinated? \_\_\_\_\_
- When was the horse last dewormed? \_\_\_\_\_
- When is the date of the horse's last Coggins? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the horse have any medical problems? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you know of any past medical problems? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- Does the horse have any vices? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- Has the horse ever had surgery? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the horse currently on any medications/ supplements? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- Has the horse ever been on medications? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- Has the horse had prior joint injections? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_
- If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of my knowledge, the above named and described horse has no history of lameness, or other than that previously described, and has not been given medication of any kind for at least 72 hours, unless noted above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Seller / Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## LETTER TO CLIENT – 2011

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Dear Client:

We have been asked to do a purchase examination where both the buyer and the seller are people we work for. This puts the veterinarian in a difficult situation. The seller must understand the veterinarian is always working for the buyer, and that we must disclose all findings, even if it is to the seller's disadvantage. We would rather not enter into this situation if it means we could lose a client.

The seller releases all past medical records to the buyer. The buyer allows complete access of the examination and further testing to the seller. We ask that the seller and buyer sign this letter in order to ensure both parties understand our stipulations.

Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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