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Dear Buyer, Welcome!

Here you will find some important information to help you navigate through this exciting and at times nerve wrecking process as smoothly and openly as possible.

STATEMENT FOR PRE-PURCHASE EXAM: A pre-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 are to be performed. Purchase examination fees can be expensive, and it is the buyer's option to decide what is to be done in 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 performed.

When performing a pre-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. Also, horses can develop problems very quickly even minutes before the exam and minutes after (like a hoof abscess, sprain a leg, or hurt themselves in other ways). We try to give the best opinion possible from examining the horse on that particular day at that moment. Horses are like people in that they have different pain tolerances. Therefore, it is impossible to be certain 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 seller is responsible for providing truthful information regarding the horse and disclosing all veterinary medical records existent. Seller must realize that all information or diagnostics obtained during the examination and discussions relating to these findings are privileged information between the veterinarian and the buyer (purchaser) or his or her agent(s). This information can only be made available to the seller with the consent of the buyer.

The horse will not receive a "pass" or "fail." The decision to buy can only be made by the buyer. Only the buyer is able to decide if the horse's talent, suitability, disposition, or value meet his/her satisfaction. Please discuss any questions regarding the exam with us before making any final commitments.

You may save, print, fill out and return these by scanning /emailing them, taking a photo /texting them, or any other convenient method. These must be completed before the date of the examination.

TO BE COMPLETED BY BUYER: Pre-purchase Examination – Liability Release Agreement

_____ (buyer's name), hereafter "buyer" is the prospective purchaser or prospective purchaser's agent. Buyer acknowledges that 3H Equine Hospital, its veterinarians, employees, technicians and staff have agreed to perform a prepurchase examination at your request upon the terms and conditions of this agreement which includes a promise by buyer not to sue based upon buyer dissatisfaction with an executed purchase of the animal examined and identified in this agreement.

3H Equine Hospital will perform a Pre-Purchase Examination of Horse named

_____ on or around _____(date).

The scope of the examination and the selection of diagnostic tests chosen shall be determined by the buyer who may consult with 3H Equine Hospital. The veterinarian who conducts the prepurchase examination will provide you with information regarding any existing medical problems and the horse's overall health and condition on the given day of the examination. The examination is not intended to be used as a prognosis for future health, soundness or a warranty for the horse's suitability for any future use or purpose. The veterinarian's job is neither to pass nor fail the animal being examined. The determination by the buyer to purchase the animal examined is solely the buyer's choice and responsibility.

The buyer should be aware that this examination does not encompass an in-depth evaluation of the horse's temperament, ability, or aptitude for a particular discipline. It describes the horse's health and soundness on the day and time of the examination. A routine prepurchase examination may not reveal subtle lameness, especially if the horse has not been in hard/consistent work in the preceding months. Some conditions, such as mild recurrent airway obstruction ("heaves"), mild vision impairment, early PPID ("Cushing's Disease), digestive disorders predisposing to colic signs, and muscle disorders such as equine polysaccharide storage myopathy ("tying up") may not be apparent during an examination.

The veterinarian is also dependent on the information, records and statements provided by the seller. Buyer acknowledges that a material condition of 3H Equine Hospital agreement to perform this prepurchase examination is buyer's agreement to release, waive and discharge 3H Equine Hospital, its veterinarians and employees from all claims arising directly or indirectly from the performance of the prepurchase examination; this is a promise by buyer not to sue.

I have read this agreement, "Prepurchase Examination – Liability Release Agreement," and fully understand its terms. I intend my signature to be a complete and unconditional liability release to 3H Equine Hospital.

Signature of Buyer: _____ Date: _____

Name of Buyer: _____

Buyers Address: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Do you have a veterinarian you would like the final report and/or radiograph images sent to?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Horse's Name: _____ Breed: _____

DOB: _____ Gender: _____ Color: _____

Address for the day of the exam: _____

Intended Use of the horse: _____ Intended rider's experience level:

_____ Is rider a child, if so age? _____ How long have you been

acquainted with the horse? _____ Have you ridden this horse? If so,

approximately how many times? _____ What are to you the most important

characteristics and abilities this horse must have? _____

Please note any observations or concerns you may have regarding this horse so far: _____

Will you be at the appointment: Yes _____ No _____

Will the Seller/Agent be at the appointment: Yes _____ No _____

After the exam would you rather go in private to discuss all the results and potential questions you may have? Yes _____ No _____

FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PRE-PURCHASE EXAMINATION

Farm Call Charge: \$50-110

Pre-Purchase Examinations: Starting at \$590 (a deposit of \$300 will be required to book and confirm the appointment ****new clients only****). The clinical examination begins with a comprehensive evaluation of the horse's body condition, conformation, coat/skin, respiratory, cardiovascular, musculoskeletal, ophthalmic, and gastrointestinal systems. During the moving evaluation, the horse will be examined at a walk and trot in hand, and lunged at the walk, trot and canter in both directions on a lunge line. A neurological exam will also be performed. In addition, flexion tests of the forelimbs and hind limbs will be performed and hoof testers will be applied to all four feet. The horse may be observed under saddle if desired by the buyer in which case, 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. An oral exam is attempted while the horse is awake. However, this is a brief and not a full evaluation of the gums, tongue and teeth of the horse. A full examination to better evaluate for the presence of periodontal disease, tooth fractures, loose teeth, decay among other problems must be done under sedation while using a mouth speculum. If a detailed oral exam is desired it must be requested.

****If X-Rays / Radiographs were taken prior to this exam and the buyer would like these reviewed and interpreted a \$200 radiographic consultation fee is charged to the buyer.**

****If the buyer wishes for any prior medical history to be provided to 3H Equine Hospital before the Pre-Purchase Examination begins, it is their responsibility to see that this information is available.**

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRE-PURCHASE EXAM BUT AVAILABLE AT OPTIONAL COSTS FOR BUYER:

Please read through our options below and select the services you would like to add to the exam.

When scheduling a pre-purchase examination, the buyer may elect to include optional services such as radiographs or laboratory testing. These additional diagnostics can provide valuable information to help guide an informed purchase decision. In some cases, the decision to purchase may already be made, and these tests—such as a Coggins test or other routine lab work—are requested as part of establishing annual wellness care.

Below is a list of optional services available for inclusion in the pre-purchase examination.

Optional Radiographs:

Complete Standard set of X-rays: Front Feet (Navicular/Coffin Joint); Fetlocks (All Four); Hocks (Both); Stifles (Both) = \$2,432

Additional X-Rays: each image view is \$64

Back (Thoracolumbar) often 6-12 views

Neck (Cervical) often 4-6 views

Carpus (Both) often 3-4 views each knee

Comprehensive sport horse set: ~\$3,000–\$4,000+

You may decide to select the X-Rays after the initial flex / jog has been performed.

Limb Ultrasound Examination: \$268

Ultrasound may be indicated if swelling, thickening, or sensitivity of the tendons or ligaments is palpated during the exam.

Video-endoscopy of upper airways: \$280

Optional Labwork:

Equine CBC / Chemistry: \$185

Insulin Resistance (Blood glucose and Insulin levels): \$125

Equine Cushing's Disease (ACTH): \$118

Coggins Test (EIA): \$50 Strongly encouraged unless the seller can provide the buyer with a copy dated within the past 12 months

Pre-Purchase Drug Screen: \$360

Fecal Egg Count: \$40

Health Certificate (for horse leaving out of state): \$56

Insurance Exam: (Please email your insurance forms to our office before the exam). \$75

Please notate any optional services you wish to have included in your Pre-Purchase Examination with 3H Equine Hospital:

All prices are subject to vary.

It is 3H Equine Hospital policy to have credit card information prior to pre-purchase examination date. Your credit card will be charged at the end of the day of exam. Checks are not accepted for PPE. By signing this information form, you authorize such a credit card debit.

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: _____

Billing address (if different from above): _____

I request that the horse be examined for purchase. Examination procedures not selected are waived or declined as part of this exam. The pre-purchase examination reflects the health and soundness of the horse on the day of the evaluation and is no guarantee of future soundness and suitability.

Signature of Buyer or Agent _____ Date _____