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Dear Valued Starwood Equine Client,

Hopefully, this guide will help you to better understand the standards of a pre-purchase examination, duration and required components (i.e. radiographs, etc.). Intended use, current level of training, age and intent for resale are all factors that can influence how the exam is reviewed.

Every pre-purchase examination begins with a physical exam of the horse. At this stage we assess the cardiovascular and respiratory systems, eyes, teeth, conformation, and palpate the limbs for areas of current and chronic injury. We also ask that you obtain a medical and competitive history of the animal.

Following the initial examination, we observe the horse on the lunge line on soft footing to assess gait, soundness, and level of fitness. The heart and lungs are listened to again after exercise to check for stress related abnormalities. The horse is then observed on hard footing to reveal lameness that is exaggerated by concussion. We can also perform these tests with a rider if requested.

Flexion tests are performed on the limbs. These tests involve bending a specific joint for a set period of time and then immediately trotting the horse off. Arthritic or inflamed joints can be identified this way, as the horse will show stiffness or a slight limp following the flexion.

If the horse performs well on the above tests, we move onto the imaging section of the examination. We examine the bones and joints of the limbs for signs of injury, arthritis, and the potential for future problems. No horse is perfect, so our goal is to identify potential problems and educate you on additional testing or future therapeutics that may be needed to manage these problems. The past record of soundness, age of the horse, and intended use are obviously important factors in these decisions.

This describes a pre-purchase examination performed by Starwood Equine. All of the images are stored in an image archiving database. Many horses have been resold successfully because we can demonstrate that a small abnormality was present on the last pre-purchase examination and has not worsened or affected performance. All exam results and images are confidential and are only released on authorization of the individual who commissioned the exam.



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Starwood Equine Veterinary Services: Pre-Purchase Exam History

*Both pages must be filled out by seller or agent **prior** to exam*

Seller/Agent Information:

Seller's Name: _____ Seller's Number: _____

Seller's Address: _____

Agent's Name: _____ Agent's Number: _____

Horse Information:

Barn Name: _____ Show/Registered Name: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Breed: _____

Markings: _____

Is currently being ridden ___ days per week, for approximately _____ minutes per ride.

Questions:

How long have you owned/known the horse? _____

Last Vaccination(s): _____

Last Dewormed: _____ Last Coggins test: _____

Last Dental: _____ Last Shoeing: _____

Please answer YES or NO to the following:

Does the horse have medical problems?

Do you know of any past medical problems?

Does this horse have vices?

Has this horse ever had surgery?

Is this horse currently on medications/supplements?

Has this horse ever been on medications?

Has this horse ever had joint injections?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please explain on the next page.

