Dear Client:

A **Purchase Examination** includes a thorough physical and soundness examination performed in order to render an opinion as to the current state of a given horse and to identify those readily observable shortcomings that this individual horse may possess that would prevent it from performing at a given level on the date of the examination. The guidelines we follow in doing the examination are current with the standards set by the veterinary profession. Please acknowledge that the report generated by this examination should not be construed as a guarantee of future soundness, but only as a reflection of the horse on the date of the examination.

We perform this examination only at the request of the buyer or their agent. We generally recommend that amateur owners have consulted with their performance horse professional to determine suitability, talent, disposition and value prior to the examination, as such recommendations fall outside the scope of a veterinary inspection. The buyer (or their agent) is responsible for informing the veterinarian of the intended use of the horse and any known past history. The buyer (or their agent) defines the scope of the examination and requests those ancillary tests/examinations they wish our staff to provide.

The horse will not receive a “pass” or “fail” grade. We encourage the buyer and their agents, trainers and local veterinarians to discuss the findings with our doctors in order to gain a comprehensive understanding of the horse’s condition as it relates to the intended use. The final decision to purchase the horse based on the information available lies solely with the buyer.

It is advisable to have all your questions regarding the examination addressed prior to the actual purchase of the horse.

Simpler examinations may not adequately provide comprehensive information about your prospective horse. We do recognize that the scope of this exam may be beyond the wishes of some pleasure horse buyers. In those cases, we encourage you to call the office so that we might better be able to meet your specific needs and desires.

Sincerely,

The Equine Clinic at OakenCroft

***I have read, understand and accept the conditions expressed in the above letter.***

Date:

Buyer Signature

Printed Name of Buyer

**A signed copy of this letter is required prior to the onset of any examination.**

**Buyer’s Statement** (please print clearly)

Date of Exam:

Buyer’s Contact Information:

Name: Email:

Mailing/Billing Address:

Daytime Phone: Evening Phone:

Will you be present at the exam? Best way to contact you if not:

Will you have an agent present at the exam? Agent name:

Agent phone: Agent email:

Name of horse being examined:

Location of examination & horse:

Seller of horse:

*Please have the seller or their agent fill out the Seller’s Statement section of this form.*

Buyer’s intended use for this horse:

Do you plan to sell this horse in the future?

Is the seller making any guarantees?

Have you already purchased this horse?

Have you already placed a non-refundable deposit on this horse?

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

| Name on Card |  | Credit Card | Visa MC Dis. AmEx. | Zip | CVV |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Card Number |  | Exp. Date |  |  |  |

Signature of Cardholder Date

**Services Available**

*The call charge and examination are the standard minimum that will be charged for a pre-purchase exam. Additional services are listed below and are optional. Depending on the examination findings, our veterinarians may recommend some of these services; the buyer may also request them ahead of time. For current pricing please call the office at (518)767-2906*

**Call charge:**

*The call charge varies based on distance traveled. Locations that are outside of our normal practice region will have an additional fee.*

**Pre-purchase examination:**

*The clinical examination begins with a comprehensive evaluation of the horse’s oral, ophthalmologic, respiratory, cardiovascular, musculoskeletal, neurologic, integumentary, genital-urinary and gastro-intestinal systems as they are readily available. The horse will be observed at rest and in motion. At minimum, the horse will be examined at a walk and trot on multiple surfaces on a straight line. Flexions of the fore and hind limbs will be evaluated whenever environmental and safety concerns allow. Additionally, we may examine the horse while being lunged, at a canter, under saddle, and/or while performing in its intended discipline. Please come to the examination prepared to ride performance prospects, bringing with you all appropriate tack and safety equipment.*

**Please place a check next to the ancillary services you would like performed at the pre-purchase examination:**

* **Digital Radiographic Examination:**

*A standard set of pre-purchase digital radiographs includes multiple views of the front feet, fetlocks, hocks, stifles, and carpi (knees). Alternatively, you can choose which radiographs to have done based upon the results of the motion and flexion exam. Multiple views of each anatomy are necessary in order to fully evaluate the structures.*

*For the following studies we recommend:*

*Front Feet: 4 views each*

*Fetlocks: 4-5 views each*

*Hocks: 4 views each Carpi: 4-5 views each Stifles: 2 views each*

*\*Note: It is standard in our pre-purchase examinations to remove the horse’s shoes in order to obtain the best quality radiographs of the feet. Arrangements should be made in advance to have the shoes replaced by your farrier.*

*\*\*Please be aware that although we may offer you an opinion on what is seen on radiographs at the time of the exam, a final conclusion will not be given until after reviewing the radiographs at our office. You will be notified as soon as possible of our findings.*

*\*\*\*Your radiographs are available for you to view via an email link once they’ve been archived at our clinic (approximately a 24-48-hour delay).*

* **CBC w/Fibrinogen, CBC w/SAA**

*Screen for overall health including infections or anemia*

* **Chemistry**

*Screen for muscle and organ function abnormalities*

* **Drug Screen**

*The drug screen blood samples are sent to an outside laboratory; results are often received after 5-7 business days.*

* **Coggins (routine AGID)**

*Allow 7-10 days for routine results; will be sent via email.*

* **Coggins (Elisa)**

*Results received by ECO from the testing lab within 24 hours. Will be sent via email.*

* **Interstate Health/Shipping Papers**

*Requires a current negative Coggins Test; some states require additional vaccinations/import permits, etc.*

* **Endoscopy**

*Provides visual examination of the upper respiratory tract and helps enable diagnosis of conditions such as laryngeal hemiplegia, aryepiglottic entrapment, pharyngeal cysts, lymphoid hyperplasia, and ethmoid hematomas. Tranquilization may be required and is an additional fee.*

* **Gastroscopy**

*Screen for gastric ulcers. Tranquilization is additional. Requires horse to be withheld from food for 12 hours prior to exam.*

* **Thermography**

*Imaging for muscle, tendon and circulatory damage.*

* **Limb Ultrasound**

*Screen for suspensory and tendon damage*

* **Other:**

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**Buyer Signature & Date** (required prior to exam):

**Seller’s Statement**

Seller’s Name:

Seller’s Phone: Email:

Seller’s Agent: Agent’s Phone:

Name of horse: DOB/Age:

Registration/Tattoo Number Breed:

Color: Sex:

Markings:

Current Use of Horse:

Amount of work horse is currently in:

Days per week Approx. no. of min. per workout:

Has the horse been out of work for greater than one month in the past two years?

How long have you owned or known the horse?

When was the horse last vaccinated; which vaccines?

When was the horse last dewormed? With what product?

Date of last Coggins?

List any known current or past medical/surgical problems

List any known vices this horse has:

Has the horse ever been on any medications?

List any medications/supplements currently being administered to this horse:

List any prior joint injections:

List other therapies received by this horse (e.g. acupuncture, spinal adjustment, shock wave, corrective shoeing):

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

Signature seller/agent Date