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### **Dear Buyer and Seller, Welcome!**

Here you will find some important information to help all parties 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 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 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 and 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 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.  
Sincerely,

*Chantal Rothschild, DVM ACVIM*

**Buyer:** please fill out pages 2-6

**Seller:** please fill out pages 7-8

You may save, print, fill out and return these by scanning/emailing them, taking a photo/texting them, or any other convenient method. These can also be handed over on the day of the exam.



**TO BE COMPLETED BY BUYER: Prepurchase Examination – Liability Release Agreement**

\_\_\_\_\_ (buyer’s name), hereafter “buyer” is the prospective purchaser or prospective purchaser’s agent. Buyer acknowledges that Red Rock Equine Veterinary Inc PS, its veterinarians, employees, technicians and staff have agreed to perform a prepurchase examination at your request on a horse named \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

Red Rock Equine Veterinary Inc PS will perform a prepurchase 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 Red Rock Equine Veterinary Inc PS. The veterinarian whom 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 particular future use or purpose. The veterinarian’s job is neither to pass nor fail the animal being examined. The determination by buyer to purchase the animal examined is solely 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 unsoundnesses, 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 Red Rock Equine Veterinary Inc PS agreement to perform this prepurchase examination is buyer’s agreement to release, waive and discharge Red Rock Equine Veterinary Inc PS, 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 Red Rock Equine Veterinary Inc PS.

Signature of Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY BUYER: Buyers Pre-Purchase Exam Form**

Buyers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 approx. 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

**TO BE COMPLETED BY BUYER: PRE-PURCHASE EXAM ESTIMATED COSTS**

**Farm Call Charge:** \$65-110

**Pre-purchase Clinical and Moving Examinations: \$390**

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 below.

\*\*If x-rays/radiographs were taken prior to this exam and buyer would like them reviewed and interpreted a \$200 radiographic consultation fee is charged.

**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.

**Digital Radiographic Examination:** approximately \$240 - \$1500 (see below)

X-rays are often done whether the horse is lame or not. This is because many problems found on x-rays may not yet be causing any exterior signs like for example navicular disease, OCD lesions, arthritis, etc. A standard set of pre-purchase radiographs requires approximately 40 views including: front feet, all four fetlocks, both hocks, and both stifles. More radiographs, such as the neck, knees/carpi and splint bones, may be indicated depending on the clinical and moving evaluation. The buyer may also select to radiograph specific anatomical areas based on the exams (if there is swelling or stiffness at a joint or if the horse flexes positive, for example). It is standard to remove the horse's front shoes in order to obtain quality radiographs of the front feet. Exceptions will need to be discussed with the veterinarian performing the examination. We do not replace shoes after the exam. A copy of the radiographs can be provided upon request.

If X-rays are desired please further select below:

- Complete Standard set of X-rays (front feet laminitis and navicular views, all four fetlocks, both hocks, and both stifles): \$1800
- A joint(s) the horse flexes positive: \$240/joint
- Front Feet Laminitis series (Lat/AP views): \$300 for both fronts
- Front Feet Laminitis + Navicular views (Lat/AP/Obliques/Skyline/DP views): \$450 both fronts
- Front fetlocks: \$380 for both
- Front knees/carpus: \$380 for both

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- Hind fetlocks: \$380 for both
- Both Hocks: \$380 for both
- Both Stifles: \$380 for both
- Head/TMJ/Guttural pouches/Teeth/EORTH/Sinus: \$400
- Neck/cervical spine: \$400
- Withers: \$200
- Others: \_\_\_\_\_

 **Limb Ultrasound Examination: \$200**

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

 **Video-endoscopy of upper airways: \$320** **Equine Health Screen/Profile Bloodwork (CBC/Chemistry/Fibrinogen): \$145**

A complete blood count (CBC w/ Fibrinogen) will be performed to help diagnose infection or other abnormal conditions of the body such as anemia, infections and inflammation. A blood chemistry panel provides additional information concerning muscle enzymes, electrolytes, proteins, antibodies and function of the kidneys, liver, and other organs.

 **Insulin Resistance (Blood glucose and Insulin levels): \$110** **Equine Cushing's Disease/PPID blood testing (TRH pre/post ACTH): \$190** **Coggins Test (EIA): \$50**

Strongly encouraged unless the seller can provide the buyer with a copy dated within the past 12 months

 **Drug Screen: (\$150-350)**

Price is dependent of the level of drug screening selected. The horse's blood serum can be tested for many different drugs, such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, muscle relaxers, steroids, and sedatives. The blood work is sent out to an outside lab; therefore, results are often not available for at least 10 days.

 **Fecal Egg Count: \$35** **Health Certificate (for horse leaving out of state): \$55.00** **Brand Inspection (for horse leaving out of state): \$140** **Insurance Exam: (Please email your insurance forms to our office before the exam). \$65** **Fertility exam (Mare or Stallion): please discuss these with us prior to the exam**

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It is Red Rock Equine Veterinary Inc PS 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, unless you prefer to 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 of exam).

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: \_\_\_\_\_

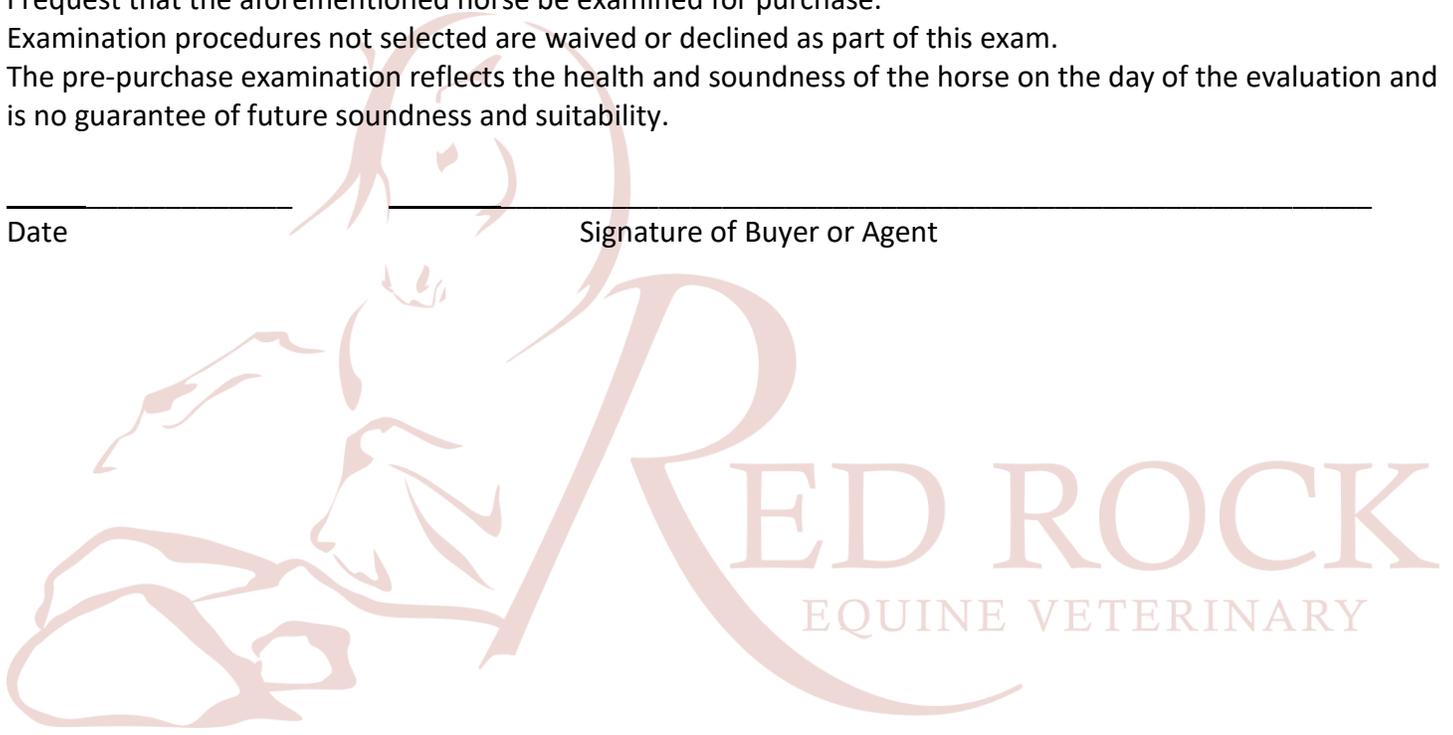
Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

I request that the aforementioned 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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Buyer or Agent



**TO BE COMPLETED BY SELLER: Seller Pre-Purchase Exam Form**

Horse's Registered Name & Barn Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tattoo/Brand/Microchip/Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Seller/Agent:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where horse will be for the exam: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you owned this horse? \_\_\_\_\_  
What have you used this horse for? And at what level? \_\_\_\_\_  
How much riding/training has this horse had in the past 3 months: \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your personal estimate of the suitability of this horse for the buyers purpose? \_\_\_\_\_  
Has this horse ever been presented for a pre-purchase examination prior to today? Yes No  
If so when? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is this horse's current diet (hay, grain and turnout)? \_\_\_\_\_  
What supplements is this horse on (in feed or injectable)? \_\_\_\_\_  
When was this horse's last dental float? \_\_\_\_\_  
When was this horse's last trimming/shoeing? \_\_\_\_\_  
Does this horse need to have pads on his feet? \_\_\_\_\_  
When and what was this horse's last vaccinations? \_\_\_\_\_  
Has this horse always resided in Washington? Yes No If not where: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. If you answer YES please explain/describe/provide dates at the end of this page:**

Has surgery been performed on this horse? Yes No  
Has this horse ever had any joint injections? Yes No  
Has this horse ever had episodes of colic or diarrhea? Yes No  
Has this horse ever had severe muscle soreness or tying-up? Yes No  
Has this horse ever had any dental problems? Yes No  
Has this horse ever had any neurological disorders diagnosed? Yes No  
Is there any history of respiratory problems or nasal bleeding? Yes No  
Has this horse ever had any sweating problems? Yes No  
Do you have knowledge of any other present or past diseases/health concerns? Yes No  
Do you have knowledge of any other present or past lameness/soundness issues? Yes No  
Has this horse received any medications within the last 6 months? Yes No  
Are you aware of any vices or behavior issues (in stall, under saddle, with farrier, with veterinarian or when trailering)? Yes No  
Has a Coggins test or any other blood work been done within the past 12 months? Yes No  
If appropriate has there been any breeding or foaling problems in the past? Yes No  
If this is a mare is she in foal or been exposed to a stallion? Yes No

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If you answered YES to any of the questions above please explain/describe/provide dates:

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\_\_\_\_\_

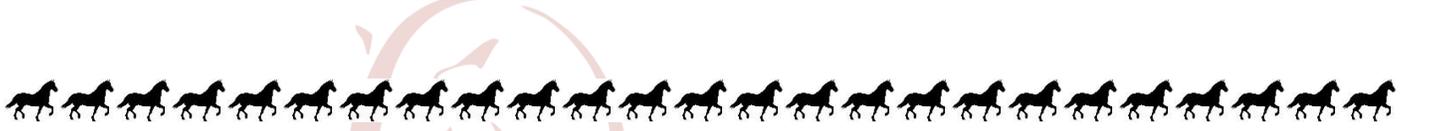
Have you released ALL previous medical record history for this horse? Yes No

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the owner or authorized agent of the above described animal. I hereby grant my consent to allow the examination procedures to be performed by a veterinarian of Red Rock Equine Veterinary Inc PS for the purpose of determining the health status of the horse listed above prior to sale.

Signature of Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**IF SELLER OR AGENT IS A PAST OR CURRENT CLIENT OF  
RED ROCK EQUINE VETERINARY INC PS  
PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW:**

**Sellers Acknowledgement to Perform Prepurchase Examinations**

A potential conflict of interest exists when a veterinarian from our office examines a horse owned by a client of this practice. The seller must realize that in this situation the veterinarian performing the examination is working for, and in the sole interest of, the purchaser. The seller should realize that because our office has records and history relating to the horse in question and can only conduct the prepurchase examination with full disclosure of all information available, we are in a unique and sometimes overly knowledgeable position to find fault with the animal in question.

This being said, the seller's signature below releases Red Rock Equine Veterinary Inc PS and the examining veterinarian to disclose to the buyer all medical records available concerning the horse offered for sale to the prospective buyer, his or her representatives and others that the buyer may indicate.

The seller must also realize that all information obtained during the examination and discussions relating to these findings are privileged information between the veterinarian and the purchaser or his or her agent(s). This information can only be made available to the seller with the consent of the buyer.

The seller's signature below indicates the seller has read these statements and agrees to hold harmless Red Rock Equine Veterinary and the examining veterinarian from any real or perceived loss in the present or future value of the horse as a result the examination and the opinions rendered therein.

Signed by Seller: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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