

Dear Buyer and Seller:

Here you will find some important information to help all parties navigate through this exciting and, at times, stressful process as smoothly and openly as possible.

#### STATEMENT FOR PRE-PURCHASE EXAM

A pre-purchase exam 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. The buyer needs to inform the veterinarian of the intended use of the horse and what past history is known. The buyer must also inform us of what radiographs, blood work, or diagnostics are to be performed (see attached options and price lists). PPE procedures and costs can vary depending on what needs to be done and what options the buyer selects. If someone else 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 the exam.. 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 problems exist. 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. We are advocates for the buyer, providing the buyer with our best opinion possible from examining the horse on that particular day and moment.

The seller is responsible for producing truthful information regarding the horse and disclosing all veterinary medical records that exist. 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.

**It is mandatory for all buyer and seller forms to be completed and returned to our office 24 hours prior to the appointment, or the appointment will need be to rescheduled.** We look forward to working with you during this exciting time.

Sincerely,  
Kulshan Veterinary Hospital

Please return all pages via mail or email prior to the appointment.

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## **Kulshan Veterinary Hospital, PLLC**

**IF SELLER OR AGENT IS A PAST OR CURRENT CLIENT OF KULSHAN VETERINARY HOSPITAL, PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW:**

A potential conflict of interest exists when a veterinarian from our office either

- i) Has worked for the seller and/or
- ii) Has had the horse as a patient of Kulshan Veterinary Hospital

The buyer must realize that all information obtained during the examination and discussions relating to these findings are privileged information between the veterinarian and the buyer or his or her agent(s). This information can only be made available to the seller with the consent of the buyer. The buyer's signature below is NOT consent to disclose such information to the seller.

The buyer's signature below only indicates the buyer has read these statements and agrees to hold harmless Kulshan Veterinary Hospital 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 Buyer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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## PREPURCHASE EXAM BUYER'S STATEMENT – GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of Exam \_\_\_\_\_

Buyer's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Horse's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Seller's name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Intended use for the horse? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Describe the intender rider:

a. Adult, teenager, or child? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Experience of intended rider? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Has the intended rider ridden this horse? \_\_\_\_\_

a. How many times? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Where? (arena, trail, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Will you be present for the prepurchase examination? \_\_\_\_\_

a. If not, *how* can we contact you during the exam? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are there any specific concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is there any written or verbal agreement between buyer and seller regarding the purchase / down payment and the pre-purchase exam results? \_\_\_\_\_

a. If written, may we have a copy of that agreement? \_\_\_\_\_

Said veterinary purchase examination does not warrant the suitability of the horse for the purpose intended and is expressly limited by my statements and instructions on the depth of the examination desired, the specific test(s) which I have requested be performed, and the fee I have agreed to pay.

Buyer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PREPURCHASE EXAMINATION – LIABILITY RELEASE AGREEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ (buyer's name), hereafter "buyer," is the prospective purchaser or prospective purchaser's agent. Buyer acknowledges that Kulshan Veterinary Hospital, its veterinarians, employees, technicians and staff have agreed to perform a pre-purchase 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.

Kulshan Veterinary Hospital will perform a pre-purchase examination of \_\_\_\_\_ (horse's name) on or around \_\_\_\_\_ (date of prepurchase exam).

The scope of the examination and the selection of diagnostic tests chosen shall be determined by the buyer who may consult with Kulshan Veterinary Hospital. The veterinarian who conducts the prepurchase examination will provide you with information regarding any existing medical problems and the horse's overall healthy 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 or 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 healthy 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 Disease"), digestive disorder predisposing to colic signs, and muscle disorder such as equine polysaccharide storage myopathy ("tying up") may not be apparent during an examination.

The veterinarian's assessment is also partially dependent on the information, records and statements provided by the seller. Buyer acknowledges that a material condition of Kulshan Veterinary Hospital agreement to perform this prepurchase examination is buyer's agreement to release, waive and discharge Kulshan Veterinary Hospital, its veterinarians and employees from all claims arising directly or indirectly from the performance of the prepurchase examination; this is a promise by the 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 Kulshan Veterinary Services.

Signature of Buyer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Buyer \_\_\_\_\_

## TO BE COMPLETED BY BUYER: Pre-Purchase Exam (PPE) Estimated Costs and Ancillary tests

### Farm call charge or Hospital call charge:

- Farm call charge - \$99-120
- Hospital call charge - \$24

### Standard Pre-Purchase Exam (PPE) – Clinical and Moving Examination:

The clinical exam begins with a thorough history of past preventative health measures and medical or surgical issues. Next, a comprehensive physical examination will be performed including body condition score, respiratory, cardiovascular, neurological, and gastrointestinal systems, coat/skin, musculoskeletal, and ophthalmic systems. Finally, the moving phase of the examination will be performed. The horse will be examined at a walk and trot in hand. Hoof testers and flexion tests will be performed on all four limbs. If possible, the horse will then be lunged at the walk, trot, and canter in both directions, with several transitions. **ESTIMATED COST - \$230-\$325**

### NOT INCLUDED THE STANDARD PPE BUT AVAILABE AT ADDITIONAL COST TO THE BUYER:

Please read through our options below and select additional services/diagnostics you would like to add to the PPE. Estimated prices for these additional services/diagnostics are listed.

#### Digital radiography (with this technology, images are immediately available on site) –

- Wide range of costs depending on number of areas radiographed and number of views taken.
- Problems sometimes can be found on x-rays that are not yet causing external signs, for instance, early stages of arthritis, navicular disease, and OCD.
  - Buyers might request specific areas to be radiographed, such as only front feet or only hocks.
  - More extensive series of radiographs can be requested, such as front feet, hocks, and stifles.
  - Less often, radiographs of the neck, splint bones, and back are requested.
- Another reason radiographs are taken is when issues arise about a specific area during the PPE that radiographs can offer useful information.
- It is preferred that shoes be removed for feet x-rays.
- A copy of the radiographs can be provided upon request. The digital format allows radiographs to be readily available and easy to share.
- If x-rays are requested, please select from the list of commonly requested studies below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Front feet – screening (2 views per foot)	\$306.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Both front feet & hocks – screening (2 views per site)	\$536.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Front feet – full set (4 views per foot)	\$536.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Both front feet & hocks – full set (4 views per site)	\$868.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hocks – screening (2 views per hock)	\$306.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Both front feet, hocks, stifles – screening	\$670.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hocks – full set (4 views per hock)	\$536.50	<input type="checkbox"/> Both front feet, hocks, stifles – full set	\$1,115.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Both stifles (4 views per stifle)	\$536.50	<input type="checkbox"/> If you would like specific views other than the packages above, please write them in the space below:	

Ancillary tests *continued* on next page... **TO BE COMPLETED BY BUYER: Continuation of Pre-Purchase Exam (PPE) Estimated Costs and Ancillary tests:**

**Radiograph consult -** Radiographs can be sent and evaluated by a Radiologist Specialist for an additional cost - TBD ???

**Laboratory Tests:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Complete Blood Count -</b>               | Provides data regarding the <i>cells</i> in the blood (white blood cells, red blood cells, platelets) detecting problems such as anemia  | \$52.75              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Serum Amyloid Assay -</b>                | Detects signs of inflammation and infection  | \$49.45              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Chemistry profile -</b>                  | Provides data regarding muscle enzymes, electrolytes, proteins, antibodies and the function of the kidneys, liver, and other organs  | \$150.00             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Insulin Resistance -</b>                 | Insulin levels & glucose levels; detects Insulin Resistance and Equine Metabolic Disease   | \$73.50              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ACTH levels &amp; Insulin Resistance</b> | ACTH levels assists in diagnosis of Cushing's Disease  | \$147.00             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Coggins test -</b>                       | Tests for Equine Infectious Disease; required for Interstate & International transport   | \$63.60              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Drug screen -</b>                        | Price is dependent on the level of drug screening selected. Testing is done at an outside lab and results are not available for at least <i>ten</i> days. Testing can be done on several different categories: anti-inflammatory, muscle relaxers, steroids, tranquilizers, sedatives. | \$420.00 to \$470.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fecal Egg Count -</b>                    | Checks for internal parasites  | \$47.30              |

- **Note:** There is a \$10 blood draw fee for blood tests (a single \$10 fee no matter how many tests are done)

**Other procedures:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Interstate Health Certificate -</b> | Required for transporting horses to another state                             | \$60.25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Insurance exam -</b>                | Insurance form required to apply for Mortality and/or Major Medical Insurance | \$57.50 |

*Please read the following statements and sign and date below:*

- 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 suitability for intended use of the horse on the day of the examination and is no guarantee of future soundness or suitability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

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

Please send to [we.care@kulshanvet.com](mailto:we.care@kulshanvet.com) after completing

