

PURCHASE EXAM

Date: 6/11/25

Seller: Heidi Paardhaven

Buyer: Caitlin Haggerty

Horse: "Fenna" 6 year old Fjord mare

The above horse was presented to Gulf Coast Equine Hospital for a thorough physical examination prior to purchase. The exam was requested and attended by the buyer, seller, and buyer's trainer.

GENERAL: The horse was examined to determine if in good flesh, bright, alert, and responsive with a friendly and cooperative nature. It was examined for physical or historical evidence of vices. Shoeing and trimming were evaluated. The horse's owner and/or representative were questioned about the horse's preventive health program and any medical or surgical history. The significance of any medical or surgical intervention was considered. Any significant discoveries are listed next.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

INTEGUMENTARY: Skin and hair coat were of apparent good health, with no evidence of dermatitis or external parasites unless exceptions are listed next.

None

EYES: The structures of the eyes were evaluated externally and internally. Visual ability was evaluated as completely as is possible. Structures appeared normal and there was no abnormal discharge. The eyelids were mechanically and cosmetically intact. The corneas were of normal clarity as were the lenses. Pupillary reflexes were normal with no evidence of visual deficits. The fundic exam was normal with no evidence of retinal disease. Any exceptions to the above statement are listed next.

None

EARS: Nothing abnormal was noted unless listed below. The horse did not resent evaluation and manipulation of the ears. No discharge or bad odor was noted and hearing seemed normal. Any exceptions to the above statement are listed next.

None

NERVOUS SYSTEM: Cranial nerves were found to be intact with normal function, no peripheral deficits were noted and proprioception was normal unless stated below.

No abnormalities

LYMPHATIC SYSTEM: All palpable lymph nodes were of the expected size and consistency. No lymph nodes were found accessible to palpation other than those expected. Any abnormalities are listed below.

None

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: Breathing rate and rhythm were normal (18 breaths per minute) with post-exercise recovery normal. There was neither malodor nor discharge from the nostrils. There was normal and equal airflow from the nostrils and the sinuses percussed normally. The larynx and trachea palpated normally and no cough was elicited on tracheal palpation. Auscultation revealed normal sounds and airflow in all fields. Exercise produced neither abnormal noises nor discharge. Any variations from these normals are listed next.

None

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: Resting pulse (42) and post-exercise recovery was acceptable. Mucous membranes were pink and capillary refill, and peripheral pulses were normal before and after exercise. Auscultation of the heart yielded no abnormal rhythm or rate, nor altered valve sounds before or after exercise.

No abnormalities

DIGESTIVE SYSTEM: Dental structures were commensurate with reported age. There was no sign of trauma to the tongue or other mouth structures. Normal prehension, chewing, and swallowing of grass was observed. Gut sounds were present in all quadrants, and normal feces were noted. Any variations from these normals are listed next.

Mild sharp enamel points on all arcades, will likely need a dental float later this year.

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:

GENERAL: There was general symmetry to the horse's muscle mass and her body condition score was a **5** of 9. The horse has normal and correct conformation overall. She moves in a normal and correct fashion. Each leg was examined visually and by palpation, hoof testers were used on all surfaces of the front and rear feet, the middle third of each frog being specifically evaluated. There was cutaneous sensation at the heels of each foot and no abnormal digital pulses were detected. Horse was barefoot on all four feet, appears overdue for a trim. There were no detectable scars indicating a previous neurectomy. There was no evidence of patellar fixation. She showed good angulation and reach in both hind limbs when on a straight line.

FLEXIONS: There should be no pain response to flexion and manipulation of any limb joint. There should be no abnormalities palpated in the tendons, ligaments, or other structures of the limbs. Any exceptions are given next.

None

OTHER ANCILLARY TESTS: (i.e. Radiographs, Ultrasound, Endoscopy, Blood Tests, Drug Screen)

Ultrasound

- A transrectal ultrasound was performed to confirm pregnancy; the mare has been exposed to a stud, who was seen actively breeding her in February 2025.
- On palpation, a fetus could be balloted in the uterus. On ultrasound imaging, a gravid and fluid filled uterus was appreciated. It was difficult to image the fetus itself due to positioning at the time of ultrasound, but parts of it could be seen.
- Based on palpation of a fetus and imaging of a gravid uterus as well as body parts of the fetus, this mare was confirmed pregnant.

CONCLUSIONS:

There were no other overt variations from normal in this horse. This examination and report are based on the condition of this horse on this day and should not be construed as a guarantee of future health or soundness. Thank you for the opportunity of examining this horse. I am available for further discussion by phone at 251-989-4234.

Respectfully,

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