



Pre-purchase Exam

What to expect during the pre-purchase exam:

- Complete physical exam
- Moving exam in hand in a straight line on a hard surface (if available) at the walk and trot
- Lunging at the walk, trot and canter (on a soft and hard surface if available)
- The horse may be asked to be observed under saddle
- Flexion test of upper and lower limbs

How to prepare the horse for the pre-purchase exam:

- The horse should not be exercised prior to the exam
- The horse should be clean and dry removing all debris
- Feet should be picked out
- Do not apply hoof care products to the feet prior to the exam
- The horses shoeing or trimming should be up to date and not over due
- The horse needs to know how to trot in hand and lunge
- The horse should be use to having limbs and feet handled
- Have the seller fill out all appropriate information on the seller pre-purchase form prior to the exam

Additional considerations:

- Radiographs if requested or necessary
- Ultrasound if requested or necessary
- Upper airway endoscopy if requested or necessary
- Basic bloodwork (complete blood count and chemistry)
- Drug screen