



# TRIANGLE EQUINE

MOBILE VETERINARY SERVICES

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## PRE-PURCHASE EXAM INFORMATION

### Please call for current pricing

#### Pre-Purchase exam:

This exam is graduated and progressive. We begin with a moving exam under saddle, followed by a thorough moving exam on the ground (lunged on both soft and hard surfaces). Flexion tests are performed on all four limbs, hoof testers will be applied to all four feet, and palpation of the entire horse will then be performed. If the owner elects to stop the exam at this point due to a perceived lameness, the cost of the exam will be adjusted accordingly and we will not continue to examine the other aspects of the horse. The remainder of the exam includes a neurological exam to rule out any possible neurological deficits, an oral exam to observe the health of the tongue and mouth and decide if the horse needs floating, an ophthalmic exam that focuses on all aspects of both eyes, including checking for ocular cancer. Each and every detail of the horse will be carefully looked over before we move on to the next portion of the pre-purchase examination.

#### Optional costs for buyer:

We offer several other possible components to our exam. Please read through our options below and select the services which you would like for us to provide at the time of your pre-purchase exam.

- **Radiographs (Digital)**  
If the moving examination goes well, we will discuss options for radiography. Ultimately, it is up to you, the buyer, to decide what views you would like to obtain of the horse. The choice can vary depending on several variables, and we are happy to walk you through the process. A standard "full" set of pre-purchase radiographs requires up to 34 views (includes a navicular series of the front feet, all four fetlocks, both hocks and both stifles). Please keep in mind that in order to obtain the best quality radiographs of the feet, we may need to remove the horse's front shoes. It is your responsibility to make arrangements with the horse's farrier to have the shoes replaced. If you have concerns about this, please discuss them with the veterinarian performing the exam before the date of the appointment. In the event that additional radiographs or diagnostics are indicated, prices may vary and referrals may be indicated.
- **Pre-purchase Drug Screen**  
*Recommended*  
The horse's serum is tested for over 30 different drugs, such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories, muscle relaxers and sedatives. This blood work is sent to an outside toxicology lab, and results can take up to seven days to become available to us.
- **Chemistry Panel/CBC/Fibrinogen**  
*Recommended*  
Can provide helpful information regarding kidney and liver function as well as other organs.
- **Coggins**  
We can submit a Coggins for regular turn-around time, or we can submit an ELISA if you need it within 24 or 48 hours. Please let us know the date by which you will need the Coggins.
- **Health Certificate Exam**  
Required to accompany a current, negative Coggins for horses traveling out of state. Please provide name, address, and phone number of where the horse is going and who is hauling the horse.

- **Insurance Exam/Form**  
If required by your insurance company. Please supply us with the insurance form.
- **Endoscopy**  
This procedure allows us to visualize the upper respiratory tract. It can be helpful in the diagnosis of upper respiratory infection and respiratory diseases.