



Pre-purchase checklist

Questions:

1. Has the horse ever coliced? What veterinary steps were taken? Was surgery performed?

Answer: _____

2. Is the horse registered? Which association? Are the papers in the current owner's name?

Answer: _____

3. Has the horse ever bucked? Why? What training steps were taken?

Answer: _____

4. Does the horse pull back? Good to be tied? Ever flipped over backwards?

Answer: _____

5. Is the horse herd bound? Good with other horses in a pasture? Good in a stall?

Answer: _____

6. What is the horse currently on for maintenance? Ever been injected? Up to date on shots and vaccines? What supplements and medication is the horse on?

Answer: _____

7. When was the last time the horse had its teeth done?

Answer: _____

8. Has the horse ever been lame? What was wrong?

Answer: _____

9. Is the horse good with the farrier? Does the horse need shoes? Has it had regular shoeing/trimming?

Answer: _____

Notes:

Exercises:

- Nose to the ground – looking for resistance in the face and how long it takes to see progression. **Course two: Lesson One**
- Back-up – looking for resistance in the face and how easily the horse moves out of your space. **Course two: Lesson One**
- Check movement: watching the horse move without restraint in an arena or round pen. Look for any short stepping or soundness issues.
- Watch the horse be ridden or worked, looking for resistance in the face/bridle or off of the leg. Look for red flags such as throwing their head, gaping of the mouth and pinning ears. These things are fixable however do require fixing.
- Ride the horse. It is very important that you ride the horse and feel comfortable doing what you are buying them for (barrel racing, trail riding, jumping or desired event.)
- Vet check. We have purchased and sold many horses over the years and have had both positive and negative experiences with vet checks. We do suggest them if you are an inexperienced horse owner.

Please feel free to contact us and share your shopping experience! - Mills Family