

Horse Buying Questions



Horse's Name _____

Color _____ Age _____ Height _____

- How long have you owned this horse and why are you selling?
- What kind of disposition does the horse have?
- What type of training has the horse had and how much?
- Has the horse had a trainer? Can I contact the trainer?
- Does the horse neck rein? Respond to leg pressure? Give to the bit and flex at the poll?
- What discipline do you feel the horse is best suited for?
- Has the horse been hauled to town, rodeos, etc.?
- Has the horse been competed on? If so, what event(s) and what were the placings?
- What are the horse's lifetime earnings? Is this number official?
- At divisional races, does the horse typically clock in the 1D, 2D, 3D, 4D? What is the average number of entries at these races?
- Does the horse seem to perform better indoors or outdoors?
- Are there any certain competitive conditions the horse seems to either do poorly or thrive in?

- What type of rider do you feel would compliment this horse best?
- What type of bit has been used with this horse?
- Does the horse load into a trailer easily? How about unloading?
- How is the horse with water? Bathing, walking through it?
- Is the horse comfortable with being clipped?
- Is the horse comfortable around cattle, dogs, traffic?
- Will the horse stand quietly when tied? Does he pull back?
- How is the horse when ridden in the open or on trails?
- Does the horse have any vices?
- Does the horse/has the horse bucked?
- Has the horse ever hurt anyone?
- Does this horse have any conformational faults?
- Does this horse always wear shoes, does he have any special shoeing needs?
- Has the horse ever foundered? Has the horse ever been lame? Do you guarantee the horse's soundness?

- How is the horse with the farrier? Can I contact the farrier?
- How is the horse's health? Does the horse have any medical problems? Ever coliced?
- Has the horse had medical problems in the past? Has the horse ever had a serious injury?
- How are the horse's teeth? When did you last have the horse's teeth floated?
- How is the horse with the veterinarian? Can I contact the Vet?
- What do you feed the horse?
- What type of de-worming program are you using?
- How is the horse kept? In a pasture, in a stall, small paddock, alone or with other horses?
- How does the horse get along with other horses?
- Do you have a video or photos you can send?
- How do you feel about making a trial agreement with a potential buyer?
- If I buy this horse can I contact you with any questions?

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