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?