



ARABIAN
HORSE ASSOCIATION

Questions for Consideration When Purchasing a Horse

- _____ Is this horse sound? Has this horse ever been lame?
- _____ Does this horse wear shoes? Does this horse require any special shoeing needs?
- _____ Does the horse have any health issues?
- _____ Has this horse ever coliced? Has this horse ever foundered or tied up?
- _____ Is this horse up to date on vaccinations and deworming?
- _____ Does this horse have a current health certificate and Coggins test?
- _____ Does this horse kick, bite, rear, buck, bolt, crib, pull back, or weave?
- _____ Does this horse stand quietly for grooming, trailering, shoeing, bathing, clipping, and blanketing?
- _____ Does this horse get along well with other horses? Is this horse herd bound?
- _____ Why is this horse for sale? How long has this horse been for sale?
- _____ Has any other potential buyer preformed a pre-purchase exam or taken the horse out on trial?
- _____ Does this horse live in a stall, pasture, or paddock?
- _____ What level of rider is recommended for this horse? How often is the horse currently ridden?
- _____ Are you open to having a pre-purchase exam done on this horse?
- _____ Is this horse registered? Does this horse's Certificate of Registration confirm the horse's ownership, name, sex, age, color, and markings?
- _____ Does the purchase price include a commission fee?

For breeding horses:

MARES

- Has she ever been bred? If yes, how many times and to what stallions?
- Were the breedings via live cover or AI?
- How many breedings resulted in pregnancies?
- How many pregnancies resulted in live foals?
- Did the mare have difficulties with breeding or conceiving?
- Does the owner have any photographs of the mare's foals?
- Has the mare had any genetic testing?
- Will any frozen embryos be retained for this mare?

STALLIONS

- Has he ever been bred? If yes, how many times and to what mares?
- Were the breedings via live cover or AI?
- Is he phantom-trained?
- Does the stallion have any breeding difficulties or behavioral issues?
- How many of his breedings resulted in pregnancies?
- Has the stallion had any genetic testing (e.g. SCID, CA, LFD)?
- Will any frozen or cooled semen be retained for this stallion?

**The Registration Commission offers this list as a starting point, please select the questions that apply best to your situation.*
