

## THE BUYER'S STATEMENT VERSION ONE & VERSION TWO

**Wherever possible, to avoid a conflict of interest, pre-purchase veterinarians should not examine horses that they also provide veterinary services for.**

However, it is recognised that there may be instances where a veterinarian must perform a pre-purchase examination on a horse that is a patient of the practice or where the owner is a client of the practice (e.g. lack of availability of another veterinarian for the examination).

If such instances arise, it is advised that two Buyers' Statements be available;

- **one** where the horse examined is not a patient of the practice ; and a
- **second** statement for horses that are patients of the practice.

Support staff should be instructed as to the provision of the appropriate statement depending on the specific circumstances where the horse may or may not be a patient of the practice.

The two versions of the Buyers statement are listed below:

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**VERSION ONE –**

Version one of the Buyer's Statement should be used in cases where the horse to be examined or the horse owner **is not** a client of the veterinary practice performing the pre-purchase examination.

**1. BUYER'S STATEMENT**

I, ..... (Buyer/Buyer's Agent),  
request that the horse ..... undergo a pre-purchase examination  
for use as a .....

This is to be undertaken by  
Dr ..... (Veterinarian)  
..... (Practice)

The recipient of this report is deemed to be aware that if some stages of the standard procedure recommended by the New Zealand Equine Veterinary Association are not carried out, any information or opinion contained in this report is based on partial examination only. Some clinical signs of disease, injury or abnormality that may have manifested themselves in the full five stage examination may not be apparent in the restricted examination.

Where this examination and report are requested for the purpose of a business they are deemed to have been carried out upon the basis that the examining veterinarian's liability, howsoever arising, shall be no greater than a sum equivalent to 100 times the fee charged for the provision of this report. In addition, liability for consequential losses of any nature is also excluded.

This contract is governed by New Zealand law.

The Buyer/Buyer's Agent irrevocably agrees that the Courts of New Zealand will have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine all disputes under or in connection with this contract. The Buyer/Buyer's Agent further acknowledges that New Zealand is the forum conveniens for the hearing and determination for all disputes in connection with this contract.

Ownership of X-rays: The Buyer/Buyer's Agent acknowledges that any radiographs taken in the course of this examination are the property of the veterinary practice listed herein, but it is further acknowledged by the practice that copies of the radiographs will be supplied at the Buyer/Buyer's Agent's request and expense.

Reliance upon this report will constitute an acceptance of the limitations of liability referred to above.

In addition, the nature and extent of this report has been determined by particular request. In the circumstances the examining veterinarian disclaims any liability whatsoever to any party other than the party directly responsible for requesting and paying for the services rendered.

Two or five stage examination options are available, we recommend completing the full five stage examination.

**(a) Clinical Examination** (which is carried out in five stages)

Indicate with a tick please, **either**:

\_\_\_\_\_ **FULL EXAMINATION**

Which includes:

- Stage 1 Preliminary examination at rest
- Stage 2 During walking, trotting, turning and backing
- Stage 3 During and immediately after strenuous exercise
- Stage 4 During period after exercise
- Stage 5 During walking, trotting, turning and backing

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ **PARTIAL EXAMINATION**

Which includes:

- Stage 1 Preliminary examination during rest
- Stage 2 During walking, trotting, turning and backing

The Clinical examination will be carried out substantially in accordance with the standard procedure recommended by the Equine Branch of the NZ Veterinary Association (1997).

**(b) Ancillary Examinations**

Indicate with a tick please

	YES	NO
Endoscopy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blood test for anti-inflammatory agents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Radiography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(tick areas to be radiographed):-		
front feet ( ) front fetlocks ( ) knees ( )		
hind fetlocks ( ) hocks ( ) stifles ( )		
Electrocardiography	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reproductive Examination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other ancillary examinations (please specify) .....

I understand the horse's usual veterinary attendant is..... (Veterinarian)  
(Practice)

**Terms of payment.** I understand that I will be responsible for payment for the examinations requested above.

**Please note:-** The certifying veterinarian takes no responsibility for, nor warrants the accuracy of, any information provided in the owner's statement including that given relating to the non-administration of drugs, freedom from vices, existing performance or suitability for intended use.

Signature .....(Buyer/Buyer's Agent)

Date .....

**Certificate No.**

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