

Pre-Purchase Examinations

The decision to purchase a horse is a major investment in time, money & emotion. Obtaining the professional assistance of a veterinarian with experience in the intended sport discipline can be of great value in making this decision. The pre-purchase exam is a detailed clinical exam involving a soundness component as well as an overall assessment of general health. Supportive diagnostics in terms of x-rays, ultrasounds, endoscopic exams and blood work are used to provide supplementary information if required. The role of the veterinarian is not to “pass” or “fail” the horse but instead, to use the health related information obtained while taking into account the horse's age, experience and intended use, to assist the buyer in making an informed decision. The team at TD Equine is more than happy to discuss & assist you in any of your pre-purchase requirements.

During a pre-purchase exam, a thorough physical exam is performed where we evaluate:

- Heart - at rest and after exercise
- Lungs - at rest and after exercise
- Head - ears, nose, paranasal sinuses, facial symmetry
- Eyes - vision and ophthalmoscopic evaluation
- Mouth - dental evaluation, mucous membranes
- Body - skin, body condition, muscle tone
- Nervous System- reflexes and basic neurologic exam
- Locomotor- in depth evaluation of the horse's conformation, musculoskeletal system and gait using palpation, flexion tests, evaluation on different surfaces, and under saddle if warranted.



To make an appointment for a pre-purchase examination, call the office at 403-691-9808. Please complete the following forms: [pre-purchase request form \(buyer\)](#) and [pre-purchase information form \(seller\)](#). These forms should be completed and sent to the email: tdequineoffice@gmail.com prior to the date of the exam, otherwise your appointment may be delayed.