



HORSE SIDE VET GUIDE™
The Whole Horse Exam Form

Owner _____ **Date** _____ **Time** _____ AM/PM

Horse _____ **Breed** _____ **Age** _____ **Sex** _____ **Color** _____

History: _____ *Any prior problems? Use? Location & travel history last 6 months?*

Reason for WHE Today: _____ *Describe the problem you perceive? When did you first notice it?*

- OBSERVATIONS FROM A DISTANCE -

General Attitude & Demeanor:

Bright Alert Responsive (BAR) Quiet Alert Responsive (QAR) Lethargic Mildly Depressed Depressed

Notes _____

Appetite: Normal Increased Decreased Not Eating

Drinking: Normal Increased Decreased None

Manure Amount: Normal Increased Decreased None

Manure Appearance: Normal Diarrhea Soft- Cowpie Hard/dry

Urine Amount: Normal Increased Decreased Don't Know

Urine Appearance/Color: Normal Abnormal Don't Know

Notes _____

- PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT -

Body Condition Score (1-9) : _____

Condition/Quality of Skin & Coat: Excellent Good Fair Poor

Condition/Quality of Mane & Tail: Excellent Good Fair Poor

Notes _____

Temperature: _____

Pulse : _____

Respiration: _____

Gum Color (Mucous Membranes):

White/Pale Pale Pink Pink Red Purple/Blue Toxic Line Yellow

Capillary Refill Time (CRT): Almost Immediate 1-2 seconds 2-3 seconds Over 3 seconds

Skin Pinch – Hydration: Normal (snaps back within 1 second) Prolonged

Pulse Feels: Normal Weak Irregular Cannot Feel

Heart Sounds: Normal Murmur Irregular Cannot Tell

Breathing Seems: Normal Abnormal Cannot Tell

Notes _____

GUT SOUNDS

- **Left Upper:** Absent/Silent Less than Normal Normal Rumbling More than Normal
- **Left Lower:** Absent/Silent Less than Normal Normal Rumbling More than Normal
- **Right Upper:** Absent/Silent Less than Normal Normal Rumbling More than Normal
- **Right Lower:** Absent/Silent Less than Normal Normal Rumbling More than Normal
- **Lowest -Belly:** Absent/Silent Less than Normal Normal Rumbling More than Normal

Notes _____

HEAD, FACE, & EYES

Look for asymmetry, swellings, injury, heat or pain response.

- **Head, face & throat look & feel:** Normal Abnormal
- **Left Eye:** Normal Red Cloudy Watering Squinting Growth
- **Right Eye:** Normal Red Cloudy Watering Squinting Growth

Notes _____

LEGS & FEET

Look for asymmetry, swellings, injury, heat or pain response.

Limbs look & feel : LF - Normal RF - Normal LH - Normal RH - Normal

Notes _____

Feet look & feel:

Assess hoof balance, hoof wall quality, look for cracks.

- LF -** Normal (Cool & No Digital Pulse) Warm or Hot Weak Digital Pulse Strong Digital Pulse
- RF -** Normal (Cool & No Digital Pulse) Warm or Hot Weak Digital Pulse Strong Digital Pulse
- LH -** Normal (Cool & No Digital Pulse) Warm or Hot Weak Digital Pulse Strong Digital Pulse
- RH -** Normal (Cool & No Digital Pulse) Warm or Hot Weak Digital Pulse Strong Digital Pulse

Notes _____

Look for asymmetry, swellings, injury, heat or pain response.

- **Body, neck & back look & feel:** Normal Abnormal
- **Under belly looks & feels:** Normal Abnormal
- **Tail & under tail looks & feels:** Normal Abnormal
- **Sheath or udder looks & feels:** Normal Abnormal

Notes _____

Horse at Movement

Walk straight away, turn sharp both left and right.

- **Looks:** Normal Lame Wobbly Weak Stiff Reluctant

Notes _____

Please share your findings and concerns with your veterinarian.