

To: Attending Veterinarian

**Re: Sale Horse Candidates for the Trakehner Select Sale and Auction
November 7, 2009, Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

Dear Sir / Madam:

1. Attached please find an examination checklist for sale horses in the auction. Your examination is a general health and overall soundness examination for use as a riding horse in the disciplines of dressage, jumping and eventing.
2. Please complete the examination checklist form and record any abnormalities that you observe. Please provide your opinion of overall health and soundness as you would in a general health examination. If you observe any significant abnormality that would preclude use for the intended purpose of a riding horse, please note it on the form.
3. Also attached is a list of required radiographs and a radiograph report form. It is understood that if any expert in radiography looks long enough, some minor abnormalities will be detected especially with digital radiographs. Please review the radiographs and provide observations of any abnormalities including fractures, chips or lesions and provide your opinion as to whether any significant abnormality observed would permanently compromise the riding performance or soundness of the riding horse. We understand that minor abnormalities in fact are normal in most horses.
4. When doing flexion tests, especially with hind limbs, we have observed some veterinarians not only fold the leg tightly, but also twist or bend the limb laterally. Twisting and bending limbs laterally creating unnatural torsion for an extended time is improper flexion technique and often results in horses jogging off lame for several steps. We ask that you only fold the leg tightly and avoid the torsion of twisting or bending.
5. Please review and discuss your findings with the owner of the horse.
6. Please complete and sign the forms and comment on any significant abnormality and add your professional opinion in regard to the horse having continued soundness.
7. The reports and radiograph films or radiograph disc is to be given to the owner. You may make a copy for your records if you desire.
8. Thank you for your professional service.

Sincerely,

Pam Norton
ATA Select Sale Manager

Veterinarian Examination

NAME of HORSE _____ REGISTRATION # _____

I have examined the above horse for the following:
(Check if normal or comment where needed)

Confirmed Identity [] _____

Heart / Lungs [] _____
(Auscultate – Check for respiratory noise after exercise)

Throat (Palpation) [] _____

Eyes [] _____
(Ophthalmoscope)

Teeth (overbite) [] _____

Temperature [] _____

Testicles [] Only if intact _____

Legs / Joints [] _____
(Perform Flexion Tests without torsion to leg, Lunge at trot in both directions and jog in hand on straight at trot)

Hooves [] _____
(Using hoof testers)

Pregnancy Check [] In foal [] Not in foal

Additional comments / observations _____

I have examined the above identified horse and in my professional opinion have:

_____ found it to be in good health

_____ found the following health issues or abnormalities _____

_____ which I consider
medically to be: [] **Significant** [] **Insignificant**

Date: _____

Print Veterinarian Name and State of License

Veterinarian Signature

Veterinarian Address and Phone Number

The following high quality radiograph views are required for the Trakehner Opportunity Sale and Auction:

Labeling:

Standard markers for radiographic views are always lateral unless there is no lateral aspect, then they are placed dorsally or cranially. For oblique views, the marker is located posteriorly on a (DLPMO) lateral oblique and anteriorly on a (DMPLO) medial oblique. For a DP view, the marker is located laterally and for a lateral view, the marker is located anteriorly.

Front Feet (Hooves) (4 radiographs) -

- Dorso 65 degree proximal-Palmarodistal Oblique
- Flexor view of navicular bone

Fetlocks (8 radiographs) - DP and Lateral each fetlock

front

- Lateral to Medial (Dorsolateral 30 degrees, to palmar medial oblique)
- Dorsal to Palmar elevated 15 degrees (Dorsal, 15 degrees elevated, to palmar)

hind

- Lateral to Medial (Dorsolateral 30 degrees, 15 degrees to palmar medial oblique)
- Dorsal to Palmar elevated 15 degrees (Dorsal, 15 degrees elevated, to plantar)

Hocks (4 radiographs)

- Lateral to Medial
- Dorsal to Plantar Off Center DP (Slightly Lateral) (Dorsolateral 10 degrees to plantar medial)

Stifles (4 radiographs)

- Lateral to Medial
- Cranial to Caudal

I have examined the radiographs and have the following observations and comments:

I have examined the above identified horse's radiographs and any abnormalities observed in my professional opinion, are found to be:

(check one) **Significant** **Insignificant**

Date of Observations _____

 Print Veterinarian Name and State of License

 Veterinarian Signature

 Veterinarian Address and Phone Number