

Buying a horse: Questions to ask



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Why is the horse for sale?

Does the horse have any vices? (i.e., cribbing, biting, trailer shyness)

How much has the horse been ridden during the past year?

Who has ridden the horse the most — trainer, amateur, youth?

How easy is the horse to handle after being turned out for a while and not ridden?

What kind of equipment has been used?

How much training has the horse received and in what areas?

Where has the horse been stalled?

What type of concentrates and roughage does the horse eat and what is its feeding schedule?

What kind of health has the horse had during the past year?

Has the horse ever had any colic episodes? Lameness?

How often is the horse de-wormed and shod?

How often has the horse been away from home and what is his behavior in different surroundings?

How does the horse react when being shod, clipped or de-wormed?