

# Buying Horse Checklist

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- Questions to Ask Horse's Owner
  - How long have you owned the horse?
  - Why are you selling it?
  - Does the horse have any current health problems?
  - Has the horse ever had colic, ever foundered or ever tied up?
  - Does the horse have health papers?
  - How old is the horse?
  - What has it been used for?
  - Are its vaccinations current?
  - Does it have any vices, such as cribbing?
  - How does the horse get along with other horses?
  - Has it ever been shod and how does it respond to the farrier?
  - When were its teeth last floated?
  - How does it bathe and clip?
  - Is it registered?
  - Does it need a special diet?
- Buying a Horse
  - Have a vet evaluate your prospect for soundness before purchasing.
  - Pay attention to the horse's attitude and disposition.
  - Choose your discipline and objective, and stick with it.
  - Choose a breed you prefer, but be willing to look at other breeds for comparison.
  - Set a price range.
  - Set an age limit, but be open to a span of five years around that age.
  - Figure out ahead of time what questions you want to ask the seller.
  - Choose a horse with good, quiet ground manners.
  - Choose a horse you can develop a relationship with.
  - Decide what perfect-horse aspects you can sacrifice in order to meet your budget.