

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.