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Questions to ask when buying a horse.

1. Has horse ever been or is horse now:

had injections in any joints, hocks, stifle, etc.	
limping, lame in front or behind.	wearing special shoes, shoes with pads, bar shoes, if so, why?
on medication or special diet	injured tendons
injured feet	headshy

2. Can you:

clip it's face and handle its ears.	Pick up all its feet.
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3. Has it ever kicked anyone?

4. Has it ever bitten or nipped anyone?

5. How does horse behave for shoer, or vet?

6. Has anyone ever fallen off? how and why?

7. Does horse stand tied up to a solid post or does it pull back? Ever broken a lead rope?

8. Does horse spook. Is it afraid of anything? Plastic bags ? cars? dogs? motorcycles? squirrels?

9. Does horse go in the trailer all by itself? Ever have problems loading?

10. What kind of bit do you ride with? snaffle, hackamore, curb, tom thumb?

11. Has horse ever run away with anyone?

12. How often do you ride? What kind of riding do you do?

13. Does it Jump, how high, and how often jumping?

14. Does it do gymkana or cow work, team penning?

15. Show Ever been in a show?

walk, trot, canter in correct lead?	flying lead changes,
side step or leg yield?	jumping
trial classes	eventing

16. Trail -Good on trail?

Will horse be in the lead on trail or only behind other horses?	Will horse cross creeks and open gates
Will horse Step in mud?	Has horse seen deer pigs wild turkey etc? What did it do?

17. Why are you selling the horse?

18. Any trial period? 2 weeks, 1 day? Anything we could do to help owner let horse go for a trail? Deposit? Fully refundable purchase price providing horse is returned as sound as he came.

19. I'd like a trail ride or to see the horse out of his home setting.

20. Does horse always live next to the same horses in the barn? How does he react when his horse friends come and go into the barn or away from the tie rail, or arena?