



Facilities required for a pre purchase examination

1. A stable or dark quiet area where eyes can be examined and heart/lungs heard.
2. A level hard trot up area, for example a drive or parking area, about 50m long. A stretch of road is not ideal unless it is a very quiet lane. A soft surface like a field or sand school is not suitable.
3. The feet need to be in good condition. It isn't possible to fairly assess horse if the feet are overgrown and the shoes are in poor condition.
4. The passport should be available for inspection.
5. The horse must not have had any medication within the last 8 days. Any medication within the last 4 weeks must be declared. If there is any doubt then speak to the vet who will be performing the exam before they set off.
6. For 5 stage vettings an area where the horse can be exercised is also required. This is usually ridden exercise and the level of exercise will depend on the horse's fitness, it will require work at canter/gallop. If the horse is to be exercised in a field you need to have reasonable ground conditions, A school is ideal.

If there is any question as to suitability of facilities then you can bring the horse to us at Moulton where we have all the facilities required to perform the full five stage examination. If this is not possible then find out whether there is a local equestrian centre that can be used.

For further information please contact Town and Country Veterinary Centre on 01858 465668