PRE-INSPECTION VETERINARY EXAMINATION REPORT FOR IRISH DRAUGHT AND I.D. SPORT HORSE & PART-BRED STALLIONS

Registered name of stallion……

Year of birth……..**UELN:** ……

✓**Please tick**✓

Heart:	Normal	Abnormal
Remarks:		

✓**Please tick**✓

Eyes:	Normal	Abnormal
Remarks:		

Mouth: Remarks: e.g. parrot mouth etc.

Limbs including Feet: Examination for ringbone, sidebone, bone spavin, curbs, etc. Allowance should be made for obvious injury
Left fore
Right fore
Left hind
Right hind

Movement: Evidence of lameness (give possible reason)
Evidence of shivering, stringhalt or wobbler syndrome:
Remarks:

✓**Please tick**✓

Examination of **Genitalia:**	Normal	Abnormal
Remarks:		

✓**Please tick**✓

Evidence of **Hernia:**	Yes	No
Remarks:		

✓**Please tick**✓

Presence of **Sarcoids:**	Yes	No
Remarks:		

✓**Please tick**✓

Evidence of **Allergies:**	Yes	No
Remarks:		

Lungeing and Endoscopic examinations *must* be carried out.

LUNGEING (WIND):-		✓ **Please tick**		✓
Result of examination following lungeing:	Normal respiratory noise		Abnormal respiratory noise	

ENDOSCOPIC EXAMINATION: ✓**Please tick**✓

Result of endoscopic examination of Larynx and Pharynx for:

1. Evidence of Laryngeal Neuropathy			Yes		No
Grade: (Please circle relevant score - using the J G Lane System)	1	2	3	4	5

2. Evidence of Abnormalities, e.g. Subepiglottic Cyst, Rostral displacement of the palatopharyngeal arch and abnormal epiglottic cartilage	✓**Please tick**✓ Yes	No
Remarks:		

3. Evidence of upward displacement of the soft palate	✓**Please tick**✓ Yes	No
Remarks:		

4. Evidence of Cleft Palate	✓**Please tick**✓ Yes	No
Remarks:		

5. Hobdayed	✓**Please tick**✓ Yes	No
Remarks:		

I confirm that I have taken appropriate samples from the stallion for testing for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA), Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) and Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM). I have also taken a hair sample for testing for Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome (WFFS). The results of these tests are attached (if available at the time of submission).

Other Observations: .....

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I hereby certify that I have this day examined the above-described stallion having identified him from his passport. I declare that neither I nor any member of this practice has any vested interest in the stallion which is the subject of this examination.

Signature and stamp of Veterinary Surgeon……..**Date:** ……

This report is valid solely for the purposes of the classification of stallions in the IDHS (GB) Studbook, the Irish Draught Horse Studbook or the IDHS (GB) Sport Horse Studbook as appropriate. This report has no relevance to any other party particularly in relation to sale. Neither the examining veterinary surgeon, the IDHS (GB), Horse Sport Ireland nor the Northern Ireland Horse Board shall be in any way liable for any mis-description contained herein or for any resultant loss in value arising from the descriptions in this report. Veterinary surgeons who examine stallions for the purpose of this report shall not be held liable for statements contained herein. All stallions, apart from those fully vetted prior to inspection by an HSI-approved vet in Ireland, will be subject to veterinary examination at the inspection centre.

NB: X-RAYS ARE COMPULSORY FOR IRISH DRAUGHT AND IRISH DRAUGHT SPORT HORSE/PART-BRED STALLIONS. COLTS BORN IN 2023 MUST NOT BE X-RAYED AS TWO YEAR OLDS, I.E. BEFORE JANUARY 2026.

Registered name of stallion _____ **Year of Birth** _____ **UELN** _____

X-Rays can only be carried out by a veterinary practice that normally treats equines

RIGHT FORE:(shoe removed)

1.* Lateromedial views of the phalanges-including coffin, pastern and fetlock joints ..... **LM**

2.* Dorso-palmar views of the phalanges- including coffin, pastern and fetlock joints ..... **DP**

3. Dorso-palmar projection with the toe of the foot in a foot block (dorsoproximal-palmarodistal oblique or Oxspring view). The navicular bone must be displayed in the distal half of the middle phalanx and should not overlap the joint space of the coffin joint..... **DPr-PaDiO**

LEFT FORE:(shoe removed)

4.* Lateromedial views of the phalanges-including coffin, pastern and fetlock joints ..... **LM**

5.* Dorso-palmar views of the phalanges- including coffin, pastern and fetlock joints ..... **DP**

6. Dorso-palmar projection with the toe of the foot in a foot block (dorsoproximal-palmarodistal oblique or Oxspring view). The navicular bone must be displayed in the distal half of the middle phalanx and should not overlap the joint space of the coffin joint..... **DPr-PaDiO**

RIGHT STIFLE:

7. Lateromedial views including the patella, femoral trochlear ridges and femoral condyles. ..... **LM**

LEFT STIFLE:

8. Lateromedial views including the patella, femoral trochlear ridges and femoral condyles. ..... **LM**

RIGHT HOCK:

9. Lateromedial ..... **LM**

10. Dorsolateral plantaromedial oblique..... **DLPlMO**

11. Dorsomedial plantarolateral oblique..... **DMPlLO**

LEFT HOCK:

12. Lateromedial ..... **LM**

13. Dorsolateral plantaromedial oblique..... **DLPlMO**

14. Dorsomedial plantarolateral oblique..... **DMPlLO**

RIGHT HIND FOOT:

15. Lateromedial (LM) including fetlock, pastern and coffin joints and the distal phalanx. ..... **LM**

LEFT HIND FOOT:

16. Lateromedial (LM) including fetlock, pastern and coffin joints and the distal phalanx. ..... **LM**

*** THESE VIEWS CAN BE SPLIT INTO SEPARATE VIEWS OF FETLOCK & FOOT IF NECESSARY.**

RADIOGRAPHS MUST ALL BE LABELLED WITH THE STALLION NAME, DATE OF X-RAY, AND MUST IDENTIFY RIGHT OR LEFT LIMB. PHALANGES MUST BE LABELLED FORE OR HIND. THE PROJECTIONS/VIEWS MUST BE ACCURATE. THE DEFINITIONS OF BONES, JOINTS AND SOFT TISSUE OUTLINES SHOULD BE CLEARLY VISIBLE.

Other Observations: .....

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Please note that all questions in the above reports must be completed in full. If vets have any queries, please contact Mr Liam Kearns MRCVS (details on p 5).

I hereby certify that I have this day taken radiographs of the above-described stallion having identified him from his passport. I declare that neither I nor any member of this practice has any vested interest in the stallion which is the subject of this examination.

Signature and stamp of Veterinary Surgeon.....**Date**.....

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Notes for veterinary surgeons

Grading of Recurrent Laryngeal Neuropathy

Grade 1 – All movements, both adductory and abductory, are synchronised at rest and after exercise. Any appearance of asymmetry arises as an artifact of the position of the endoscope; the perspective distortion is cancelled when the left and right nostrils are used in turn. This being the case a "mirror" effect operates such that when the endoscopy is performed through the right nasal passage, the right arytenoid may appear less abducted and vice versa.

Grade 2 – All major movements are symmetric with a full range of adduction and abduction. Transient asynchrony flutter, or delayed or biphasic abduction may be seen, especially of the left arytenoid.

Grade 3 – Although the left arytenoid is still capable of full abduction, activity is generally reduced on the left when compared with the right, with periods of prolonged asymmetry, particularly during quiet movements. Full bilateral abduction can be stimulated transiently by partial asphyxiation using nostril occlusion, but is not sustained.

Grade 4 – The left arytenoid is no longer capable of full abduction and during adduction, compensation by the right arytenoid crossing the midline may be evident. Asymmetry is marked, but residual movements are present.

Grade 5 –True hemiplegia - active movement is completely absent on the affected side and the "slap" test does not provoke any response.

Reference: J. G. Lane in "Equine Endoscopy" 2nd Edition, Edited by J. L. Traub-Dargatz and C. M. Brown

Note for Veterinary Surgeons regarding the grading of Recurrent Laryngeal Neuropathy

Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (Lane System explained)

Standard of interpretation required for – Class 1 or Class 2 in the HSI Irish Draught Horse Studbook:	Standard of interpretation for Class 3 classification in the HSI Irish Draught Horse Studbook:
• Grade 1: with no abnormal inspiratory noise • Grade 2: with no abnormal inspiratory noise • Grade 1: with an abnormal inspiratory noise provided the noise is not caused by any of the unsuitable conditions	• Grade 2 with an abnormal inspiratory noise • Grade 3 • Grade 4 • Grade 5 • Grade 1 with an abnormal inspiratory noise where there is no satisfactory explanation for the noise. • Symptoms of soft palate paralysis

Note: Lungeing is a compulsory part of the wind examination. Where the owner or examining veterinary surgeon considers that the horse should not be lunged on welfare grounds or for any other reasons, then he is unsuitable for examination and will be classified as Class 3.

However, the veterinary surgeon appointed by the IDHS (GB) or Horse Sport Ireland, in conjunction with the inspection panel, may exercise discretion on this aspect, taking due cognisance of the results of the endoscopic examination and the performance of the stallion.

Veterinary requirements for inspection and classification of Irish Draught and ID Sport Horse stallions.

a. We strongly recommend that owners contact the Inspection Management Team prior to embarking on the pre-inspection vetting to ensure that you understand what is required for your stallion:
Email inspections@idhsgb.org.uk or ring Heather Chaplin on 01823 601625.

b. **ALL applicants** are required to have this pre-inspection veterinary screening examination form completed in full by a veterinary surgeon, in respect of the stallion for which they are applying for classification. Please note that this includes X-raying, as per the specification on page 2 above.

c. **Stallions** coming forward for re-inspection which have satisfactory x-rays from the first inspection do not need to have the x-rays repeated. However, pre-inspection vetting and endoscopy examinations must be repeated. They also have to be re-vetted on the day, as for first-time applicants.

d. **Stallions** (apart from those which have been fully vetted by an HSI-approved practice in Ireland, unless they are obviously unsound on the day) will undergo a full five-stage pre-purchase veterinary examination at the inspection centre by a veterinary surgeon appointed by the IDHS (GB) veterinary advisor.

e. All stallions will be measured at the inspection. These measurements shall be regarded as official measurements for the purpose of stallion classification in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook or IDHS GB Sport Horse Register. In instances where the measurements of a stallion are disputed, the owner shall have the option to appeal the measurements at a University Veterinary Hospital, at his/her own expense.

f. In cases where the pre-inspection veterinary screening examination form indicates that the stallion **does not** meet the veterinary requirements for Class 1 or Class 2 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook or Grade 1 or Grade 2 in the IDHS (GB) Sport Horse Register, the applicant may, following consultation with the IDHS (GB), have the stallion (subject to eligible pedigree) classified as Class 3 in the Irish Draught Horse Studbook or Grade 3 in the Sport Horse Register without the stallion participating in the inspection.

g. Appropriate samples should be taken by the pre-inspection vet and sent for analysis for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA), Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA) and Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM). Certification of negative results should be returned to the IDHS (GB) with this application. There is also a requirement to have a one-off genetic test (hair sample) for Warmblood Fragile Foal Syndrome.

h. Blood samples may be taken on the day of inspection and may be subject to screening for substances listed on the FEI 'Equine Prohibited Substances List' (see www.feicleansport.org).

2. X-rays

All Irish Draught and ID Sport Horse/Partbred stallions and colts are required to have an X-ray examination carried out by an appropriate veterinary practice. Reading the x-rays is included in the inspection fee of £600.

In cases where the quality of the radiographs is deemed to be unsatisfactory, they will be returned and a new set of radiographs will be required. We respectfully recommend that x-rays are checked within the practice concerned before submission.

Vets are welcome to contact Mr Liam Kearns MRCVS if further veterinary information is required:

Three Counties Equine Hospital
Tel. 07803888273 or 01684592099
Email: liam.kearns@tceh.co.uk

For procedural information, please contact the inspection management team on inspections@idhsgb.org.uk

The Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland: Irish Draught stallions having their pre-inspection vetting in Ireland, but attending the inspection venue in Great Britain, are required to meet the veterinary requirements specified by Horse Sport Ireland (details are available from HSI's website) and this includes x-rays.

Irish Draught stallions from Ireland have **two options** for veterinary examinations, just as they do if coming forward for selection in Ireland. The veterinary profession is regulated differently in Great Britain, where we are not allowed to nominate specific veterinary practices to carry out the full veterinary examination in advance. The pre-inspection vetting, X-rays and health tests are carried out by **any veterinary practice which normally treats equines**.

Irish Sport Horse stallions normally living in Ireland and returning to stand there cannot be accepted for inspection in Great Britain. Our Sport Horse inspections are operated under different rules and there is no reciprocity.

Submitting the report form and X-rays: Please would veterinary surgeons kindly email the radiographs as JPEG files to the Inspection Management Team at inspections@idhsgb.org.uk **not later than 1 February 2026.**

Please scan and email, or post the original veterinary report form to: Inspection Management Team, c/o Middle Munty Farm, Churchstanton, Taunton, Somerset TA3 7RH. Tel. 01823 601625.

The closing date for all inspection applications, radiographs (if applicable), pre-inspection veterinary forms, health certificates and fees is 1 February 2026. The horse will not be allowed to come forward for inspection if any element of the application is missing.

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X-rays will be subject to independent scrutiny by the IDHS (GB) Veterinary Panel prior to the inspection. In cases where the quality of the radiographs is deemed by the Panel to be unsatisfactory, the Inspection Management Team will inform the owner and a new set of radiographs will be required.

3. Appeals

3.1 Veterinary examination:

For animals which fail the clinical veterinary examination there is provision for an appeal to be made.
The conditions of the appeal procedure are as follows:

- The IDHS (GB) will notify the owner of the stallion of the reason why the stallion failed the clinical veterinary examination.
- The owner of the stallion may, within 28 days, apply to the IDHS (GB) to have a clinical veterinary re-examination carried out by a recognised specialist acceptable to the IDHS GB. The re-examination will only be carried out in respect of the condition for which the stallion was failed at the initial inspection.
- The stallion owner must inform the IDHS GB of the intended date of the examination, in advance.
- The full cost of the re-examination must be borne by the owner of the stallion.
- The decision of the recognised specialist shall be final.

3.2 X-rays: In relation to stallions that do not meet the standards on inspection of the radiographs by the IDHS (GB) Veterinary Panel, there is provision for an appeal to be made. The conditions of the appeal procedure are as follows:

- The IDHS (GB) will notify the owner of the reasons for the standard not being met.
- The owner of the stallion may, within 28 days, appeal to the IDHS (GB). The appeal may involve the examination of the original X-rays by the veterinary panel, or if deemed necessary, will require the stallion to be X-rayed by a recognised specialist in equine orthopaedics.
- The full cost of the re-examination will be borne by the owner of the stallion.
- The x-rays will be evaluated by a veterinary appeals panel, whose decision shall be final.

For enquiries regarding inspection procedures, please contact the Inspection Management Team at inspections@idhsgb.org.uk or ring Heather Chaplin on 01823 601625.