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Dear Perspective,

On 09/19/2012, I examined "Super Star", a 14 year-old Warmblood gelding, for potential purchase for use as an FEI level dressage horse. The horse's history is represented as having had no problems, illnesses, lameness or colic during the past three seasons while with the seller's trainer, Perspective Seller. He has been showing successfully at Prix St. George although I have not personally reviewed his show record. He does get his lower hocks injected periodically with the last reported injections havng ocured four months ago. He typically shows on Ulcergard. Deworming and vaccinations are current. "Super Star" is Bay with a small star and left hind pastern. Examination was performed at Rancho del Perspective Seller.

Requested Test(s):

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| Physical Exam: | yes | Coggins Text | yes |
| EKG | no | X-Ray | front feet, all four fetlocks, hocks and stifles |
| Blood Profile | yes | Reproductive | n/a |
| Endoscopic Exam | yes, upper airway | Drug Screen | yes |
| Ultrasound Exam | no | | |

Physical Examination:

At the time of exam, "Super Star" had a rectal temperature of 99.8 degrees F, a resting heart rate of 36 beats per minute, and a resting respiratory rate of 20 breaths per minute. The oral cavity was briefly examined for evidence of disease or need for dental care. The nostrils were examined for discharge and other abnormalities. The heart was examined both before and after exercise for normal rate, rhythm and absence of murmurs. A stethoscope was used to examine the lungs, thorax, and upper airway before and after exercise. Lymph nodes, pharynx and throat latch were palpated. The eyes were examined with an ophthalmoscope for cataracts, scars and other abnormalities. Pupillary and eye level responses were determined to be normal. Both jugular veins were examined to determine patency. Auscultation of the abdomen was performed for normal gut sounds and for the presence of sand. Sinus percussion of the head was done to check for fluid or swelling. The skin was checked for disease or scars (i.e. neurectomy, colic surgery, medial patellar desmotomy, tracheotomy, or laryngotomy / pharyngotomy).

Any abnormalities are listed below.

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| Oral | mild dental points present |
| Nares | within normal limits |
| Heart | within normal limits |
| Lungs / Thorax / Upper Airway | within normal limits |
| Eyes | within normal limits |
| Jugular Veins | within normal limits |
| Abdomen | within normal limits |
| Sinus | within normal limits |
| Skin | within normal limits |

Evaluation of the Limbs:

All joints of all four limbs were examined for range of motion, fluid and pain. All tendons and ligaments were palpated for pain, heat and swelling, and hoof testers were used to check for pain in the hoof. Noted below under each limb are any abnormal findings.

Left Front: mild effusion (excess joint fluid) in the fetlock joint

Right Front: mild effusion (excess joint fluid) in the fetlock joint

Left Rear: scar on the back of the pastern appears to involve only the skin; mild effusion in the tibiotarsal (hock) joint

Right Rear: mild effusion in the tibiotarsal (hock) joint

Neck and Back: within normal limits

Lameness Evaluation:

"Super Star" was examined out of the stall under saddle, in hand, and longeing at a walk, trot and canter, on both hard ground and in arena footing. Flexion tests were performed on all 4 limbs. No evidence of gait or flexion abnormality was seen unless noted below.

Left Front: minimal positive (grade 1/5) to lower limb flexion test for 2-3 strides only

Right Front: within normal limits

Left Rear: within normal limits

Right Rear: within normal limits

Laboratory Findings:

Drug Screen - negative

Coggins Test - negative

Blood Profile - within normal limits

Breeding Soundness:

Only an external exam of the genitalia was performed on "Super Star" with no abnormalities detected. As a gelding he is not reproductively capable.

Conformation:

"Super Star" had no medically significant conformation abnormalities.

Nervous System:

Cranial and peripheral nerves were checked for normal function. The following neurological tests were performed and were normal unless noted below:

Sway within normal limits

Proprioception within normal limits

Tail Pull within normal limits

Backing within normal limits

Tight Circles within normal limits

Radiographic Examination:

Left Front: minimal periarticular changes in the fetlock joint; navicular bone has a few enlarged symovial channels but a good corticomedullary junction

Right Front: navicular bone has a few enlarged symovial channels but a good corticomedullary junction

Left Rear: within normal limits

Right Rear: within normal limits

Assessment:

In my opinion, at the time of my exam, "Super Star" is a reasonable candidate for the intended use. I would recommend ongoing joint therapy for the left front fetlock joint as it shows early signs of osteoarthritis. I would consider periodic joint injections with antiinflammatory medications as need and an oral joint supplement as well as injectable joint therapies of your and your veterinarian's choice (Legend, Adequan, Pentosan or Polyglycan). The effusion noted on physical examination and the navicular bone findings on x-ray have in my opinion no conclusive significance. As a fourteen year old upper level horse I would consider him to be likely to be manageable for a continued career at the current level. He does need his teeth floated in the near future.

This examination in no way represents a warranty of soundness or unsoundness and represents only the opinion of the examiner. It is limited by the limitations of time and facilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chaparral Veterinarian DVM". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping tail.

Chaparral Veterinarian, DVM