



# The Complete Guide to Buying a Horse

*Essential steps from the First Search to  
Bringing Your Horse Home*



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# First-Time Horse Buyer's Checklist



## Your Knowledge & Support Team

- ☐ Honestly assessed your riding ability
- ☐ Found a trainer you trust
- ☐ Located a reputable equine vet
- ☐ Connected with a reliable farrier
- ☐ Joined local equestrian groups/community



## Budget Planning

- ☐ Calculated total purchase budget
- ☐ Set up emergency fund (\$2,000-3,000 minimum)
- ☐ Priced local boarding facilities
- ☐ Got insurance quotes
- ☐ Listed all monthly expenses
- ☐ Set aside money for initial equipment

## Horse Requirements

- ☐ Listed must-have qualities
- ☐ Noted deal-breakers
- ☐ Identified suitable age range
- ☐ Determined appropriate size
- ☐ Specified experience level needed



## Viewing Preparation

- ☐ Created list of questions for sellers
- ☐ Packed viewing kit (phone, notebook, riding gear)
- ☐ Arranged for trainer to accompany you
- ☐ Prepared to take videos/photos
- ☐ Made a plan to assess temperament

## Home & Care Planning

- ☐ Chosen boarding facility or prepared home stable
- ☐ Confirmed turnout arrangements
- ☐ Planned daily care routine
- ☐ Located hay/feed suppliers
- ☐ Listed emergency contacts







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## Pre-Purchase Steps

- ☐ Booked pre-purchase exam
- ☐ Requested previous vet records
- ☐ Arranged insurance coverage
- ☐ Prepared sales contract
- ☐ Planned safe transportation



## First Month Preparations

- ☐ Created settling-in schedule
- ☐ Booked initial lesson with trainer
- ☐ Planned gradual exercise program
- ☐ Scheduled farrier visit
- ☐ Arranged vet check-up



## Professional Services

- ☐ Trainer lessons scheduled
- ☐ Farrier appointments booked
- ☐ Vet check-up arranged
- ☐ Insurance coverage confirmed
- ☐ Transport organized



## Essential Documents

- ☐ Passport/registration papers
- ☐ Vaccination records
- ☐ Medical history
- ☐ Competition records (if any)
- ☐ Bill of sale
- ☐ Insurance documents



## Basic Equipment

- ☐ Well-fitting saddle (professionally fitted)
- ☐ Appropriate bridle and bit
- ☐ Essential grooming kit
- ☐ First aid supplies
- ☐ Stable/turnout rugs as needed



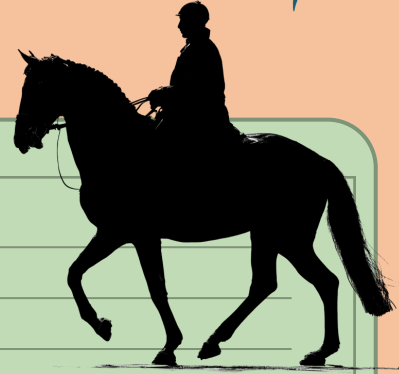


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## Buyers Notes

### HORSE DETAILS



### VIEWING NOTES



### QUESTIONS AND FOLLOW UP ITEMS







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## Working Checklist details

### YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT TEAM

Your current riding ability & experience:

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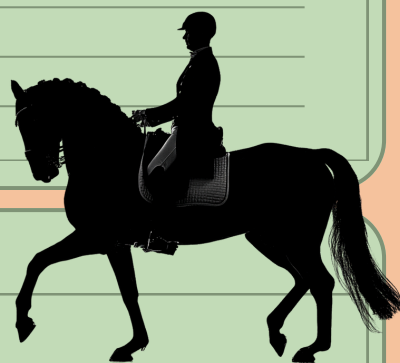
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Potential trainers to contact:

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### BUDGET PLANNING DETAILS

Total budget breakdown:

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Monthly expenses estimates:

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### HORSE REQUIREMENT DETAILS

Must have qualities:

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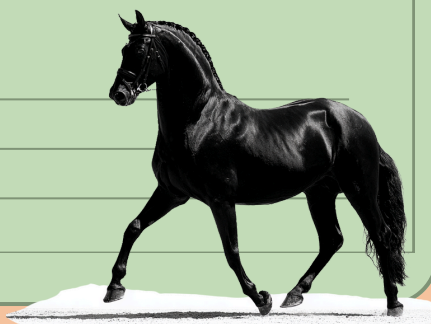
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Deal breakers:

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### EQUIPMENT PLANNING

Essential items needed:

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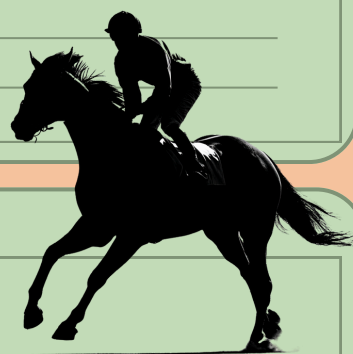
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Optional items for later:

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### VIEWING PREPERATION DETAILS

Questions for sellers:

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### PRE-PURCHASE PLANNING

Vet exam arrangements:

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Transportation plans:

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