

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

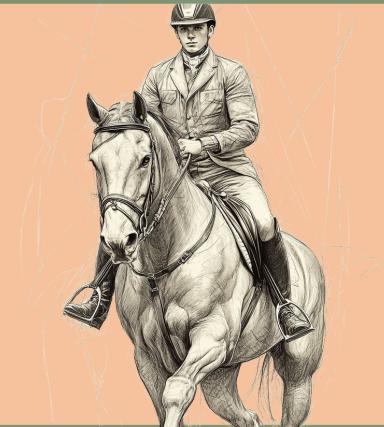


Budget Planning

- 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



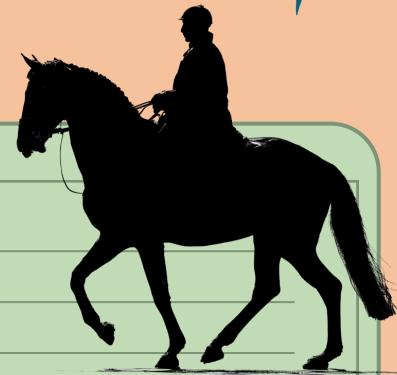


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Buyers Notes

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:

Potential trainers to contact:



BUDGET PLANNING DETAILS

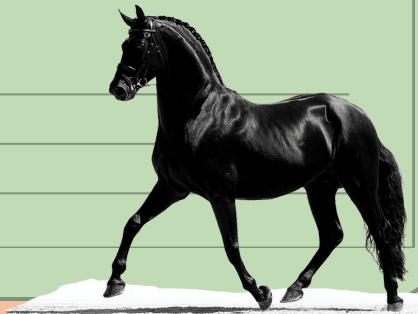
Total budget breakdown:

Monthly expenses estimates:

HORSE REQUIREMENT DETAILS

Must have qualities:

Deal breakers:





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EQUIPMENT PLANNING

Essential items needed:

Optional items for later:



VIEWING PREPERATION DETAILS

Questions for sellers:

PRE-PURCHASE PLANNING

Vet exam arrangements:

Transportation plans:

