



## NOTES FOR THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER

### (A) IDENTIFICATION AND LEGAL OWNERSHIP

This certificate serves to identify the horse that was examined, but it is not the responsibility of the examining veterinary surgeon to ascertain that the seller has legal title in the horse. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to satisfy themselves as to the ownership of the horse and to verify the records of any microchip with the relevant database.

### (B) AGE

Without appropriate paper records from foalhood it is not possible to confirm the age of a horse with accuracy. Estimates of age based on a dental examination are imprecise and unreliable and any age range shown on the certificate is approximate and based on opinion only. In the absence of documentary evidence, the term 'aged' may be used to refer to a horse considered after examination to be over 15 years of age.

### (C) LIMITATIONS OF THE EXAMINATION

If any parts of the five stages were omitted for any reason, the opinion given is based purely upon those parts of the examination that were completed. The incomplete examination will not have identified any clinical signs of disease, injury or abnormality that could only have been revealed a part of the standard procedure that was omitted.

The horse examined may, at the time of the examination, have been subject to some previously administered drug or medicament having the effect of masking or concealing some disease, injury or physical abnormality that might otherwise have been clinically discoverable.

Unless specified this examination does not include examination of the inside of the prepuce (sheath), a detailed mouth examination with a speculum, a height measurement or any examination for pregnancy. Flexion tests and trotting in a circle on a firm surface are not mandatory parts of the standard procedure. All horses are assessed at strenuous exercise on a lunge, unless otherwise specified. Flexion tests are not routinely performed.

A blood sample is not routinely obtained at the time of the examination.

### (D) THE HORSE'S CLINICAL HISTORY

A horse may have received veterinary treatment beyond the awareness of the examining veterinary surgeons.

### (E) THE OPINION

The opinion expressed in this certificate is based solely on the standard procedure of examination recommended by the "BEVA/RCVS *Guidance Notes on the Examination of a Horse on Behalf of a Prospective Purchaser (amended 2012)*" (as varied by those omitted or additional procedures that are detailed in the certificate). The opinion is subject to the limitations of the examination (see note C above) and provides no assurances in respect of those matters that can only be established by a seller's representations to a purchaser (see note F).

### (F) SELLER'S WARRANTY

The opinion provides no assurances in respect of matters that can only be established by a seller's representations to the purchaser. A seller's warranty is a matter between the seller and the purchaser and is not the responsibility of the examining veterinary surgeon. The purchaser should consider obtaining a written warranty from the seller covering, for example, matters such as medical or surgical history, height, freedom from vices, temperament, non-administration of drugs prior to the examination and the horse's previous or existing uses and performance levels.