

**University of Lincoln**  
**Equine Behaviour Consultation**

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Owner's name

Date referred

Address

Referred by:

Telephone no

Telephone no

Signature & Date.....

Signature & Date.....

Follow up date

Horse's name

Breed

Sex

Age

Height

Colour

Please provide as much information as possible, using a separate sheet where necessary. *Video film footage of the problem is also extremely useful.* Please note the time and place of the filming.

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**Main Behaviour Problem**

**Summary of complaint**

**When did you first notice the problem?**

**Did it start suddenly or has the problem developed gradually?**

**How often does the problem occur?**

**Where does the problem occur?**

**When does it occur?**

**With whom does the problem tend to occur?**

**Have you noticed any pattern to the problem?**

**Is the problem getting better, worse or is there no change?**

**What has been done to try and correct the problem?**

**Please give details of all treatments tried and how often they were used and comment on the effect?**

**Do you suspect any specific cause of the problem?**

**Please describe the first incident of the problem and the most recent in detail. Use a separate sheet if necessary, and provide video footage if safe to do so.**

**Please provide any other details specifically relating to the problem that you think may be relevant**

**Management**

**Housing provided** (please provide an outline sketch of the housing provided including all windows and fittings)

**Is your horse able to see other horses whilst in the stable?**

**Is your horse able to touch other horses whilst in the stable?**

**No. of horses in accommodation area (yard)**

**Approx. time spent with other horses each day**

**Is your horse aggressive to other horses?**

**Does your horse avoid other horses?**

**How would you describe your horse's personality?**

*Please describe any seasonal management features on a separate sheet*

**Approx. amount and type of forage each day**

*Is this available ad lib or in meals?*

**Approx. amount and type of concentrates each day**

*In how many meals?*

**Other foodstuffs, amount and frequency**

**How would you describe your horse's appetite?**

**Are there people around the horses most of the day?**

**How many people look after your horse?**

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**Exercise**

**Is this horse used for a specific purpose? (please give details)**

**Type of bit and bridle used**

**Other riding aids used**

**Time spent under saddle each week**

**Time spent at grass each week**

*Please outline a typical weekly schedule on a separate sheet*

**History**

**Where did you obtain this horse?**

**Why did you obtain this horse?**

**Age of horse when obtained**

**Was your horse vetted before you obtained it?** (please provide a copy of report if applicable)

**Any problems declared at time of sale?**

**Previous use of horse** (if known)

**Any ongoing medical problems?**

**Any previous medical problems**

**Any known allergies?**

**Has your horse ever had to be laid off for an extended period?**

**Has the management of your horse ever changed suddenly for any reason?**

**Date of last vaccination**

**Date of last worming**

*Please detail normal worming regime*

**Are you currently or have you previously used supplements or complementary therapies to manage any condition?**

**Please give approximate dates, condition, treatment and comment on the success.**

Use a separate sheet if necessary

**Age at backing** (if known)

*Method used*

**Age at weaning** (if known)

*Method used*

**Has your horse ever been used for breeding purposes?**

*Any problems encountered?*

**Behaviour profile**

**Does your horse ever shy at anything? (*please give details*)**

**Have you ever had difficulty loading your horse into a lorry or trailer?**

**How does your horse tend to show its aggression (e.g. biting, front leg strike, hind leg strike etc.)**

**Is your horse aggressive to anyone or any type of person?**

**Is your horse aggressive to other horses?**

**Is your horse aggressive to any other type of animal?**

**Is your horse easy to catch in the field?**

**How does your horse tend to respond when it sees you coming towards it?**

**Does your horse resent grooming?**

**Does your horse resent being shod?**

**Is your horse head shy?**

**Does your horse tend to nip people?**

**Has your horse ever shown masculine behaviour?**

**Does your horse have any stable “vices”?**

**Does your horse seem to have difficulty with any particular manoeuvre or exercise under saddle?**

**Does your horse have any problems under saddle?**

**Would you say your horse is a quick, slow or average learner?**

**How do you tend reward your horse?**

**How do you tend to punish your horse?**

**Would you say that your horse is moody or of a very even temperament?**

**Does your horse show any bizarre behaviour patterns?**

**Any other comments**



**For headshaking horses please answer the following:**

Please score each of the following features from 1 (absent) to 5 (very severe) as they tend to apply to your horse

If you have not encountered the circumstances described or cannot answer for any other reason, please circle the N/A option.

**Overall assessment of headshaking**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Up and down headshaking**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Side to side head shaking**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Nose flipping**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Behaving like a bee is up its nose**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Snorting**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Sneezing**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Headshaking at rest**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Headshaking during exercise**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Headshaking when excited**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Tendency to rub its nose on the ground while stationary**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Tendency to rub its nose on the ground whilst moving**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Tendency to rub its nose on objects**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Striking at its face with a foreleg**

1      2      3      4      5      N/A

**Headshaking in bright sunlight**

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
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**Headshaking in rainy conditions**

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
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**Head shaking in the wind (no sun or rain)**

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
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**Head shaking at night**

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
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**Head shaking indoors**

1	2	3	4	5	N/A
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**If it is safe to do so, please provide video footage of your horse's behaviour and during exercise after 10 minutes at the trot.**

**For cases of foal rejection please answer the following:**

**Is this the mare's first foal (if not indicate how many have been born before and whether there were any problems).**

**Do you know if the dam' mother showed normal maternal behaviour?**

**Date and time of foal's birth**

**Were there any problems with the delivery?**

**Please give details of the stage and level of any human intervention with the foaling.**

**Who was present at the birth and why?**

**Was the birth recorded on video etc?**

**Have the placenta and foetal membranes (afterbirth) been seen and removed?**

**Is the mare sensitive around the udder?**

**Has the bedding of the foaling box been changed or added to, or the mare moved to another box since the birth, if so when was this done?**

**How soon after the delivery did anyone enter the foaling box and what did they do?**

**How many people visited the mare and foal in the first 24 hours and what did they do?**

**Has the foal's navel been treated with anything? Please provide details**

**Has the foal been given an enema? Please provide details of time and type**

**Has the foal been given any medication, supplements or other treatments? Please give details of substances used and reason for use.**

**Has the foal been "Imprint trained" or subjected to any other formal handling procedure since birth? Please give details.**

**Has the mare been given any medication, supplements or remedies since just before the foaling? Please give details of substances used and reason for use.**

**How long after the birth did the mare stand?**

**How long after the birth did the foal stand?**

**How long after the birth did the foal first suckle and how long was this for?**

**Have you tried to assist suckling at all?**

**Has the mare or foal had any visible or physical contact with other animals since the birth?**

**Have any other animals been in the mare's box since the birth?**

**What is the mare's normal reaction to other horses?**

**What is your mare's normal reaction to other animals? Are there any that she tends to avoid and be aggressive towards?**

**When did you first notice the problem. Please describe exactly what you saw that alerted you to the problem – use a separate sheet as necessary.**

**What treatments have you tried to rectify the situation**

**Describe the yard routine in the area of the foaling box**

**For loading and travelling problems please answer the following.**

**Describe exactly what you consider the problem to be.**

**Who normally loads your horse?**

**What procedure is normally used to load your horse?**

**What happens if a horse refuses to load? How do you get it into the box?**

**Who normally drives the box?**

**Does the problem change with different personnel loading or driving the box?**

**Please describe the type of travelling box used (including model no) – a photo will help**

**Type of entrance/ exit i.e ramp , step etc. and colour**

**Type of flooring including colour**

**Is straw or other material usually used to cover either the ramp or floor during loading?**

**Does anyone or another animal normally travel with your horse?**

**Does your horse have a stable companion?**

**Please describe the level of natural or artificial lighting in the box.**

**Is your travelling box lit when travelling?**

**When and with what was your box last cleaned?**

**In what direction does your horse normally face when travelling?**

**Why do you normally transport your horse? i.e. to shows, hunting etc.**

**On what sort of roads do you usually travel? i.e. mainly A-roads etc**

**Describe your procedure for unloading your horse at your destination?**

**When did the problem begin?**

**Does your horse suffer from any known musculoskeletal problems?**

**Has your horse ever been injured or panicked whilst out riding , during loading or unloading? Please provide details.**

**How frequently does it occur? i.e every time , every other time etc.**

**Has there been an accident involving this box (whether or not your horse was in the box at the time)**

**Please describe in detail the first time you noticed a problem. Describe what both the horse and those around it did at the time.**

**Please describe the most recent incident.**

**Please describe all treatments that have been tried to correct the problem and how many times this was done.**