The King's Award for Voluntary Service

Newbury RDA
Newbury Riding for the Disabled
Charity Number: 1121113

NEWBURY RDA'S PRE-PURCHASE EXAMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

1. Introduction

Equines play a vital role within RDA and purchasing suitable horse power for an RDA Group can be daunting from a financial and practical point of view. All prospective ponies we would like to purchase will have a 2 stage vetting done either by our own vets, Donnington Grove Veterinary Practice if the location is near enough, or a veterinary practice nearer to the pony if it isn't financially practical to send a vet from Donnington Grove.

Refer to the RDA's comprehensive guide for RDA groups when considering the purchase or loan of an equine. This takes you through each stage of a PPE and what to expect, as well as a guide on cost and samples of the forms that Vets use. This guide is available to all groups (our Chair of Trustees and our Pony Trustee have copies).

Newbury RDA is part of the South Region – our Regional Equine Advisor is Luke Waveney (waveneyluke28@gmail.com) and our Regional Vet is Ryan McCarthy (ryan@gvgbrooksequine.co.uk).

2. Background

It is recognised that equines are the base upon which everything we do is built. We must strive to ensure that we have the soundest base possible, and to this end it is expected that every equine owned or loaned to an RDA Group has a Pre-Purchase Examination to ensure it is healthy and fit for purpose. Group Trustees are responsible for exercising due diligence when spending charitable funds and the purchase of equines is quite often a larger financial commitment and hopefully a long-term investment. Failing to ensure that any equine bought is suitable could involve a considerable financial and practical burden on a group in both vet bills, on-going care and lack of an equine to use in RDA sessions.

This policy statement should be adopted as a Code of Practice throughout RDA to help safeguard charity funds and assist RDA Groups in finding a suitable equine.

3. Policy Principles:

- RDA expects that all horses who are owned or long term loaned to RDA Groups should have the minimum of a two-stage pre-purchase examination.
- Advice on this matter and any further information is readily available. Please email ebayliss@rda.org.uk