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RE: 'Rory' Prepurchase Exam

The following findings were of concern for the purchase of 'Rory':

1. II/V lame after hock flexion bilaterally.
2. Radiographs revealed some narrowing of tarsal-metatarsal joint of both hocks.
3. Proximal suspensory ligaments of hind limbs were sore on palpation.
4. Some radiographic changes of MTIII at the site of upper suspensory ligament attachment.
5. Stifle ultrasound revealed some thickening of the joint capsule and a small spur.
6. Clogs on front feet.

The ophthalmic, neurological and other limb flexions were within normal limits. The heart and lungs auscultated normally. The biggest concern was the upper suspensory soreness of the hind end. As per the buyer, ultrasound was not performed on this structure. It is fairly common to have chronic issues of the proximal hind suspensory in older jumpers. A suspensory shoe (Denoix) can be used to help take the pressure off these structures. Also shock wave and lower hock injections can be used to manage the pain. The clogs also bothered me in that most of time I use this shoe is when a horse has laminitis (radiographs did not reveal that as a possibility). There are some that are using the clog to increase heel growth in undershot feet. I would get this horse out of these as soon as possible.

The horse traveled well in lunge and under saddle so I consider this horse a good fit for the buyer. Historically, this horse has done upper level eventing and jumping so he should perform well in the classes that the buyer will be competing.

Radiographs will be sent in a separate email under vet-imaging.

Thank you and good luck with your new horse.

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