SOP No: ATT 067

SUBJECT: Equine lameness examination (April 2015)

REASON FOR USE: Routine examination of the horse for soundness

POLICY: These procedures may only be performed by operators who have been educated in the correct techniques, and under the supervision of their skilled Demonstrator.

PRECAUTIONS: Leather boots and overalls must be worn
Students will be reminded of the correct position to stand when palpating and examining horse’s legs. Only quiet, well behaved horses are used for this class.

EQUIPMENT: Halter & lead and lunging lead.
Hoof testers

PROCEDURE:

1. Horses will be examined by palpation and manipulation of their limbs
2. Trot the horse on a firm surface to evaluate gait
3. Apply hoof testers while the hoof is held in a flexed position ideally between the examiners knees
4. Lunge horses in a circle with students at a safe distance

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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CHAIR OF AEC