

Barn Visit Evaluation

Chapter 2

Take this with you. Fill it in while you are standing there, not from memory in the car afterward.

Facility _____

Date and time of visit _____

WHAT YOU CAN SEE

- ☐ Stalls are clean and dry, bedded deep enough that horses are not standing on a thin layer
- ☐ Water buckets and troughs are clean, not just full
- ☐ Hay is stored dry and looks and smells good
- ☐ Fencing is sound, with no loose wire, broken boards, or protruding hardware
- ☐ Turnout areas have footing, shade, and enough space for the number of horses in them
- ☐ The horses in residence look well fed and content
- ☐ Aisles and tack areas are tidy enough to be safe

TURNOUT POLICY — ASK DIRECTLY

Hours per day _____

Alone or with companions _____

What happens in bad weather _____

Is there an extra charge _____

FIT FOR YOU

- ☐ The program matches where I actually am as a rider, not where I hope to be
- ☐ Showing expectations match my goals, my schedule, and my budget
- ☐ Lesson structure and frequency work with my real life
- ☐ I understand what happens when the trainer travels or is away
- ☐ I understand what the trainer expects of me as a client
- ☐ Questions are welcomed here rather than tolerated

THE FEEL OF THE PLACE

Culture is harder to measure than footing and matters more than most people realise. Write down what you noticed, including anything you cannot quite name.
