

# Pony Viewing & Loan/Purchase Checklist



Here are some points you may wish to consider when purchasing a new pony.

## 1. Ask the Right Questions

- ☐ Why is the pony being sold or loaned?
- ☐ How long have the current owners had the pony?
- ☐ Does the pony have a competition record (BE/BS/BD)?
- ☐ What's included in the price (tack, rugs, etc.)?
- ☐ Ask for full videos of show jumping/XC rounds.
- ☐ Request to see vet history (refusal = red flag).
- ☐ Ask about medical conditions, behavioural issues, rider suitability, and workload.
- ☐ Check passport details: name, microchip, age, ownership history, food chain declarations, vaccination records.

## 2. Take Someone with You

- ☐ Bring a Pony Club coach if possible — they can offer valuable insight.
- ☐ Have at least one extra person with you (coach, parent, or experienced rider).

## 3. Try the Pony in Different Environments

- ☐ Ride in an enclosed arena.
- ☐ Ride in an open space (e.g. field).
- ☐ If the first visit goes well, arrange a second viewing away from home (e.g. hired venue/arena).

## 4. Practical Handling & Day-to-Day Management

- ☐ Check loading and travel: loading ease, travels alone/in company, trailer/lorry experience.
- ☐ Handling for farrier, clipping, vet/dentist.
- ☐ Does the pony need sedation for clipping or dentistry? Note extra costs or requirements

## 5. Insurance

- ☐ Confirm if seller's personal accident insurance covers trial rides.
- ☐ Check your own insurance as backup.

## 6. Vetting & Agreements

- ☐ Arrange a pre-purchase vetting.
- ☐ Put a loan or purchase agreement in writing.

## 7. Take Your Time

- ☐ Don't feel pressured to decide quickly.
- ☐ Take time to reflect after viewing.
- ☐ Speak with your coach or trusted advisor before committing.

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