



**DSLD/ESPA
SUSPENSORY LIGAMENT
EXAMINATION FORM**

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Name of Horse: _____

Owner(s): _____

Date of Exam: 12.04.21 Previous Exam Dates: 17.05.18
Owner(s): _____ Owner Address: R. 05.17
Name of Horse: Perlebach Breed: _____
Sex: St Age: 21 Color / Markings: _____

1. Medical History:

Please note duration of signs, any changes in behavior, any changes in gait, etc.

2. Physical Exam:

A. Conformation changes to fetlocks/suspensory ligaments - check all that apply

	Fetlock Enlargement	SL Enlargement	Wind Puffs
Left Front			
Left Rear			
Right Front	OK	ja	
Right Rear		ja	

B. Angle of Fetlock During Weight Bearing - please check

	Upright (greater than/equal to 180 degrees)	At Fetlock (180 degrees)	Hyperextended (greater than 180 degrees)
Left Front		✓	
Left Rear		✓	
Right Front		✓	
Right Rear		✓	

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B. Rear Limbs - Zones

	Left Rear	Right Rear
Origin 1A		
Body 1B		
Body 2A		
Body 2B	11,6	1,0
Lat Bran 3A		
Lat Bran 3B	11,8	0,98
Med Bran 3A		
Med Bran 3B	1,9	0,90

4. Ultrasound Comments

Note lesions such as diffuse hyperechogenicity (white), poor fiber patterns, discrete hypoechoic (black) lesions and any other structures such as flexor tendons that may be abnormal.

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5. Signature of Examining Veterinarian


Signature of Examining Veterinarian _____ State Licensed _____ License # _____

Please attach ultrasound pictures to the back of this form when possible. We strongly encourage re-exams at 3-6 month intervals. Re-exams are the best method to differentiate injury from DSLD and to identify early onset cases.

C. Palpation of Suspensory Ligaments - Note severity of signs as 1-5/5, zero for none present

	Pain	Enlargement	Thickening
Left Front			
lat branch			
med. branch			
body			
Left Rear			
lat branch			
med. branch			
body			
Right Front			
lat branch			
med. branch			
body			
Right Rear			
lat branch			
med. branch			
body			

Nil

D. Baseline Lameness - Note severity of lameness as 1-5/5, zero for none present

<i>Left Front</i>	
<i>Left Rear</i>	
<i>Right Front</i>	
<i>Right Rear</i>	

E. Flexion Tests of Fetlocks - Note severity from 1-5, zero for no response

<i>Left Front</i>	
<i>Left Rear</i>	
<i>Right Front</i>	
<i>Right Rear</i>	

3. Ultrasound Measurements of Suspensory Ligaments - in cm, Area measurements in cm² preferred, otherwise lateral to medial and dorsal to palmar/plantar plane measurements in cm are acceptable. It is sufficient to use three sites per leg, particularly when screening large numbers of horses. If the examiner so chooses, only the suspensory ligament body at mid-cannon and the suspensory ligament branches at mid-length or in Zones 3A or 4A are needed. Measurements in these areas, particularly for Peruvian Pasos, should not exceed 1.3 cm for the suspensory body and .7 cm² or 1.1 cm in a two-dimensional plane for the suspensory ligament branches.

A. Front Limbs - Zones

	Left Front	Right Front
Origin 1A		
Body 1B		
Body 2A		
Body 2B		
Lat Bran 3A		
Lat Bran 3B		
Med Bran 3A		
Med Bran 3B		

0, 9, 4

0, 88

0, 85

1, 0

0, 93

0, 88