

Recommended Radiographs for a Pre-purchase Exam

When having a pre-purchase exam done by another Veterinarian you may be asked if you want x-rays, and if so what areas you want evaluated. What follows is a list of baseline radiographs I typically take when radiographs are requested and the recommended views. It is often suggested to allow the examining veterinarian some latitude on choosing other areas to examine as a positive flexion test or swelling around a joint may require more films than those listed below.

Front Feet:

4 views of each forefoot – this will evaluate the area from the tip of the coffin bone up to the fetlock.

1. 65 degree D-V view
2. Flexor view of the navicular bone
3. Lateral view of forefoot
4. A/P view of forefoot

If the **Fetlock** will not be included in the last 2 views, this depends on the individual, ask for 2 fetlock views.

1. Lateral view
2. A/P view

Hocks:

4 views of each hock – these are standard views.

Stifle:

Generally I recommend including 2-3 views of each stifle.

Please ask that the films be sent before you make a decision on purchase as having the examining veterinarian plus myself evaluate them will give you two opinions.

If they are digital radiographs they can be emailed: bevet@gmavt.net , but evaluating the films on a disk with the attached software is preferred and this can be sent to the address below. I am usually available for questions during or after the exam through the office or by cell phone: 802-343-2056. If you would like for me to speak with the examining veterinarian feel free to give them my contact information.

If you need information on other areas you want evaluated, please let me know.

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