



## **SADDLE FITTING PREPARATION SHEET**

### **Basic Saddle-Fitting**

Horse must be clean and free of artifacts

Record all pertinent client information

Record all horse information, including name, age, breed, use

Record Saddle information: type (Western, Dressage, Close Contact, treeless, etc. ), brand name, size, color, serial number if applicable

1. Image the underside of the saddle
2. Image the topline of the horse
3. Image the left side of the horse
4. Image the right side of the horse
  
5. Ask the owner to tack up the horse **WITHOUT** a saddle pad – note, if horse has wounds, or behavioral issues that would prevent this, it's ok to use a thin pad, but ideally **NO PAD**. Watch the horse's reaction to being saddled and girthed.
  
6. Ask the owner to ride for approximately 10 minutes – walk, trot, and canter both directions of the arena, with 20m circles or figure-8's to ensure equal contact on both sides.
  
7. Owner returns with horse.
8. Pull saddle and image underside of panels
9. Image the topline of the horse
10. Image the left side
11. Image the right side

A veterinary interpretation is not required for saddle-fit evaluations, **HOWEVER**, saddle-fitting is an art-form, and an interpretation by a certified saddle-fitter, or experienced vet, tech, or otherwise, is strongly suggested for best results.

**Full saddle-fitting evaluation including rider influence on balance  
(Use Enhanced Survey \$120 for Interpret)**

**\*BY SPECIAL APPOINTMENT ONLY WITH INTEGRATED EQUINE  
INFRARED. MUST HAVE APPROVAL PRIOR TO IMAGING.**

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4. Image the topline of the horse
5. Ask the owner to tack up the horse WITHOUT a saddle pad – note, if horse has wounds, or behavioral issues that would prevent this, it's ok to use a thin pad, but ideally NO PAD. Watch the horse's reaction to being saddled and girthed.
6. Ask the owner to lunge the horse for 10 minutes walk, trot, canter each direction on a circle.
7. Owner returns. Image underside of saddle, topline of horse, and left and right sides whole body.
8. Repeat tacking up. Ask owner to ride the horse for 10 minutes walk, trot, and canter. 20m circles and figure-8's to ensure equal contact on both sides. Regular video imaging of the rider is recommended for complete interpretation.. This can be done with a cell phone camera or portable camcorder. Make sure to record in 640x480 resolution or you will need to reduce video size to upload to interpretIR. A couple minutes will be fine.
9. Owner returns. Image underside of saddle, backside of owner (really!), topline of horse, left side of horse, right side of horse.