



# CANADIAN MORAB ASSOCIATION

## VETERINARIAN MORAB APPROVAL EXAMINATION

This form is to be completed by a veterinarian and mailed directly to the Canadian Morab Association at  
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The owner of the horse is responsible for the fees required by the Veterinarian to complete this form and examination.  
The Canadian Morab Association reserves the right to randomly re-examine any Morab with a Veterinarian of its choice.

The Intended use of this Examination is to determine the suitability of this horse continuing the generations of the Morab Horse in Canada.  
Providing, both congenital & inherent defects, soundness, Morab type, temperament & conformation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Examination Requested By: **The Canadian Morab Association and Registry**

Examination Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ CMA I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ P/C \_\_\_\_\_ Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration CMA# (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Temperament: \_\_\_\_\_

Vices/Behavioural Abnormalities: \_\_\_\_\_

Conformational Abnormalities: \_\_\_\_\_

**STALLIONS (Genital Abnormalities) All stallions that produce offspring must be examined prior to gelding:**

Testicles: \_\_\_\_\_ Scrotum: \_\_\_\_\_ Penis: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE FORM ON REVERSE SIDE**

**\*\* IMPORTANT – Any Congenital defects will result in an automatic Failure - \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\* If any animal rates a POOR in two (2) or more areas, it is an automatic Failure - \_\_\_\_\_**

1.a -FRONT LEGS / FEET / FLEXION RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
1.b -KNEES RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
1.c -SHOULDER - Front view RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
1.d -SHOULDER - Side view RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
2.a -HIND LEGS / FEET / FLEXION RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
2.b -HOCKS RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
2.c -GASKIN RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
2.d -HIP - Rear view & Side view RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
3.a -HEAD (includes Mouth interior) RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
3.b -NECK RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
3.c -BODY RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
3.d -BALANCE RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
4. - MOVEMENT RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:
5. - OVERALL TYPE RATING: EXCELLENT FAIR POOR	Comments:

**VETERINARIAN INFORMATION:**

Signature X \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name X \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.V.M. # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Information for Veterinarian

### Evaluating the Morab For Breeding Approval

There are five (5) categories for the Morab to obtain approval.

- **Front Legs**
- **Hind Legs**
- **Head - Neck - Body - Balance**
- **Movement** (Based on Morab Standards)
- **Morab Type** (Based on Morab Standards)

#### Front Legs -

The Front legs include the front feet, front legs, knees and shoulder from the front and side standing, at the walk and at the trot. Horses are scored based on visible faults and the score is determined by major or minor faults.

**Minor Faults** consist of, but not limited to:

Toe in or out  
Winging or paddling  
Upright pastern  
Straight shoulder  
Base narrow  
Base wide  
Small feet  
Slightly calf kneed  
Slightly offset knees

**Major Faults** consist of but not limited to:

Contracted heels  
Excessively upright pastern  
Excessively fine bone  
Calf knees  
Offset knees  
Excessively tied-in behind  
Base narrow, toe out  
Excessively small feet  
Club foot

#### Hind Legs

The Hind legs include the hind feet, hind legs, hocks, gaskin and hip from the side and back standing, at the walk and at the trot. Horses are scored based on visible faults and the score is determined by major or minor faults.

**Minor Faults** consist of, but not limited to:

slightly coon-footed  
camped behind  
cow hocks  
bandy-legged  
slightly sickle-hocked  
slightly post-legged  
lack of muscle  
toe out or in  
rope walking  
small feet

**Major Faults** consist of but not limited to:

coon-footed  
sickle-hocked  
post-legged  
cow hocks

#### Head, Neck, Body & Balance

The head, neck, body & balance is evaluated while standing and during movement. The balance is relative to body proportions. The head includes examination of the mouth for faults. (i.e. Parrot mouth, overbite, etc.)

**Some Faults consist of** but not limited to:

Long head; Roman Nose; Pig Eyes; Ewe Neck; Thick Throatlatch; Cresty; Thick Neck (Stallions are judged accordingly), Short Neck; Improper Angulations; Long Back; Shallow Girth; Goose Rump

**Type based on Morab Standards**

The animal is evaluated based on the Standards of the Morab Horse; it's characteristics while standing.

**STANDARD OF PERFECTION FOR THE MORAB HORSE - GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Morabs are slow to mature and reach Full Maturity between 5 to 7 years of age.

The Look of the Morab is that of a powerful, muscular horse displaying athleticism with grace and distinct refinement.

Good saddle conformation should be compact, medium length, well muscled, smooth and stylish. A Morab must display distinct refinement: the degree of refinement will vary with the breeding; however, it should always be apparent in the head and legs.

**QUALITY:** Dense bone with sufficient substance, well-developed joints and tendons, and a fine, silky coat. The overall appearance of the Morab will be pleasing, showing great strength, but never coarse.

**DISPOSITION:** Morabs display an affectionate nature, with a willing attitude of dependability, trust and intelligence

**EYES:** Large, dark, expressive, bright, clear and set wide apart.

**EARS:** Smaller and pointed adding refinement and balance to the head.

**FETLOCK:** Large, not round but rather wide.

**THROATLATCH:** Clean and well defined, and never thick.

**NECK:** Thick and broad but refined and of good length, displaying a natural arching appearance. It should be smoothly joined to the shoulder and deepest at the point of the shoulder. Stallions tend to have a more fully developed crest than either a mare or gelding.

**HEAD:** Refined, straight to slightly dished profile, broad cheek, narrow muzzle with firm lips and large nostrils.

**CHEST:** Good depth and width. A mature Morab is broad in the chest which is quite noticeable through the heart, back ribs, and slightly wider through the hip. This extra room combined with the full neck and compaction of body structure gives the Morab great endurance and stamina as well as great speed.

**WITHERS:** Defined, not too high, but should be slightly higher than the point of the hip.

**SHOULDERS:** Well-muscled, long and sloping with moderately high withers.

**BACK:** Short, broad, deep in the girth.

**HIP:** A well muscled hip of good length and a horizontal pelvic build endowing the Morab with a slightly sloped croup and a naturally high tail set. The shape of hindquarters and the pelvic angle is the most apparent difference between the Morab and other breeds. The hip bones on a Mature Morab should never show.

**FORELEGS:** Sound of good length and straight, with flat bones and large joints, broad forearm, short cannon bone free of meat. Tendons should be squarely set, well apart: when viewed from the front, they should appear thin, and must be straight; viewed from the side they will appear wide and strong.

**BARREL:** Large and round, with well sprung close ribs, deep and full, yet with a trim flank.

**HIND LEGS:** Should be squarely set and so placed that the Morab turns on its hindquarters with its legs well under them.

**HOCKS:** Neither close together nor wider apart than the fetlocks when viewed from the rear. Should be wide, deep and clean.

**HOOF:** Strong, smooth and dense, rounded and of medium size, open at the heel, never brittle.

**PASTERNS:** Clean strong, medium length and should match the slope of the shoulder.

**TAIL:** Set fairly high and carried gaily.

**WAY OF MOVING:** The Morab in action is naturally collected; they have a free flowing gait, working off powerful hindquarters. The Morab's natural action will vary slightly depending on the breeding of the animal.