

## **American Association of Equine Practitioners Grading of lameness**

### **Grade 1**

Difficult to observe; not consistently apparent regardless of circumstances.

### **Grade 2**

Difficult to observe at a walk or in trotting a straight line; consistently apparent under certain circumstances (ie., weight carrying, circling, inclines, hard surfaces etc)

### **Grade 3**

Consistently observable at a trot under all circumstances.

### **Grade 4**

Obvious lameness; marked nodding, hitching, or shortened stride.

### **Grade 5**

Minimal weight bearing in motion or at rest; inability to move.