

EXAMPLE OBSERVATION RECORD		Date 15 May 2022			
Horse Jester		Start 1pm		End 2.30pm	
Observer Annabel		LOCATION / ACTIVITY			
Weather Clear blue sky, sunshine, light south-westerly wind Temperature 14 degrees		Grazing - field	Standing tied - barn	Farrier visit	
INDICATORS					
Movement related	Atypical movement				
	Walking backwards				
	Rearing and bucking				
Standing position	Atypical standing position				
	Holding limb up				
	Changing resting leg	✓	✓		
	Pointing / resting foreleg				
	Prolonged resting – hind				
	Crossing hind legs				
	Trembling limb				
	Flinching				
	Leaning against something		✓		
	Stepping feet				
	Stomping feet				
	Kicking up towards abdomen				
Kicking out or back			✓		
Head and Neck	Tilting head				
	Tossing nose				
	Looking or swatting				
	Shaking head or body				
	Tossing / swaying head				
	Ears back		✓	✓	
Tail	Lifting or slapping tail				
	Swishing tail		✓	✓	
Self care	Sipping water				
	Atypical jaw motion				
	Quidding				
	Straining to pass urine				
	Straining to pass droppings				
	Lying down				
	Difficulty getting up				
	Stretching – head and neck				
	Stretching – forelegs				
Stretching – hind legs					
Behavioural indicators	Dull, depressed				
	Biting / aggressive				
	Defensive / guarding				

	Increased spookiness			✓	
	Restless / fidgeting			✓	
	Licking / chewing		✓	✓	
	Frequent yawning			✓	
	Flehmen response				
	Self-grooming / rubbing				
	Vocalisation				

Notes:

While I was brushing his body, Jester moved away from me several times. I don't recall this happening before.

Did not stand still for farrier and farrier had difficulty maintaining hold of left hind leg. Farrier did not remark on anything unusual with condition or wear pattern on hooves.