

Biting Questionnaire

After you have completed the form below, please mail this form to the address below. We will review your answers, select a bit, and contact you with our results.

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First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

What is the best time to contact you?

Rider History: How experienced, what level/discipline, junior/senior, male/ female.

What Discipline Do You Compete In: For instance, when giving advice, we would need to know if the bit required had to be Dressage Legal.

What Level Do You Ride At or Compete On The Horse In Question:

Breed Of Horse:

Age Of Horse: If young, how long since started (broken) -

Colour Of Horse:

Size Of Horse:

Mare, Gelding Or Stallion:

How Long With Present Owner:

History Of The Horse: In so far as known

Previous Bitting History: Which bits has the horse been ridden in to date and what has proven the most successful.

When Were The Teeth Last Checked & Rasped:
Did The Dentist Bit Seat:

When Was The Back Last Checked By A Reputable Physio Or Osteopath:

Are You Completely Happy With The Fit Of Your Saddle: Has your horse changed shape, do you feel there is any need to have it re-checked by a fully qualified saddle fitter?

Horses General Way Of Going: Please describe the horse's general way of going and any evasions he is presenting. For instance, some evasions may consist of behind the vertical (overbent and not taking the contact), snatching at the bit and pulling down, above the bit (in extreme instances, a stargazer), head tossing, tongue evasions such as over the top or out to the side, grinding the teeth, crossing the jaw and/or physically grabbing the bit between the teeth, in extreme cases bolting. You may not even have an evasion as such, you may be simply needing a little more feel and response as you have gone up a level in your training.

Do You Need Any Help With Brakes: If so, please describe under what circumstances.

Do You Need To Reinforce The Turning Aids: If you need help in turning, in what situation is this likely to happen.

What Are You Most Trying To Improve On: For instance Dressage (a) a softer truer contact (b) better balance, (c) cleaner transitions on the bit (d) shoulder control – horse falling in /out through the shoulder, (e) help to set up the bend for turning or lateral work, (f) sustained throughness for more advanced work. These are a few of the more common examples.

Noseband: What sort of noseband is employed (cavesson, flash, grackle, drop etc.) If the horse is not in a cavesson, please explain the reason behind this.

Mouth Conformation: After having read notes on mouth conformation, how to assess it and how to check for any points of over sensitivity if you have discovered anything that you feel may be relevant, then please tell us about it.

Width Of The Horse's Mouth: A bit measure may be downloaded if previous bits cannot be used to assess this. (Please see the section on our Custom Fitting page on our website labeled "Custom Fitting for your New Bridle" and mail it to us along with this form.)