

Homework Assignment Physical Exam

1. Why do a physical exam?

To determine what is wrong

Help determine treatment

2. What is the first step in a physical exam?

Observe in the carrier/cage for awareness, posture, behavior

3. What should you gather to prepare for a physical exam? Name 2 things.

Gloves

Penlight

Scale

Exam sheet and pen/pencil

Towel

4. Why should you develop a routine for performing physical exams?

To be consistent and thorough

5. What should you look for when examining the eyes? Name 2 things.

Pupil size

Clear & equally dilated

Nystagmus or twitches

Cuts, abrasions, discharge, swelling

Blood in or around eye

Consensual response

6. What should you look for when examining the muscular/skeletal system?

Fractures/dislocations, muscle tears, tendon problems

Joint range of motion, lameness, swelling

Reflexes/pain responses

Bruising

Look or feel thin