

REMOTE ASSESSMENTS

In an ideal world I would be able to see everyone and their horse who contacts me but this is not always possible. This is why I have started remote assessments. This can be anything to do with Signs of Soreness and Saddle Fitting – see website for more details on those topics www.sarahlinton.com
Obviously this is not as thorough as what I could do in person but it can help, in some cases, to get the ball rolling.

Remote Assessments cost \$50 for new or occasional clients.

However, I offer this service free to my regular clients. This is for approx. one hour of my time.

Remote assessment can be done by email or video assessment or by phone consultation at pre-arranged times. For all phone calls I recommend sending in photos or video first so I can see what you are discussing.

1. STEP ONE: Fill out the form **attached** with as much detail as possible

2. STEP TWO: Send in photos and or videos – must be small size please. See below for more information on what I need to see with photos.

- See Photo Instructions below for what I will need to assess your horse remotely.
- Please keep photos under 500kb - try using www.compressjpeg.com to compress them
- Please keep videos under 5mb if attaching to an email, or provide links to where you have uploaded them elsewhere (preferred)
- Uploading photos and video to a Facebook and sending me the link is fine so long as I have permission to view and the video and photos are set to Public. Or you could upload to U tube and give me the link.

3. Payment Information:

Acct #: 06-0689-0322180-00

Reference: Your last name with first letter of your first name if you can't fit your whole name in (ie LintonS)

Code: Remote

Email me at sdlinton@clear.net.nz once you have made the deposit or send the internet pdf banking slip through to me.

If you need a receipt, just let me know and I will email one through to you.

I will get back to you as soon as I can. If I am on the road I don't have always have good internet access at times so please be patient. If you don't hear from me after a week it might pay to check I received your email.

PHOTOS:

For Saddle Fitting photos get the horse on level ground and standing as square as you can get him. Ideally get the whole horse and take it right smack in the middle of him so you get it square. You should be aiming towards his ribcage straight on for the side view photos

#1 - If I haven't seen the horse before: Take a photo of the horse on his own – get the whole horse and take it right smack in the middle of him so you get it square. You should be aiming towards his ribcage straight on like the example below. It doesn't matter what side you take the photo from unless you want me to look at a particular problem on one side.



#2 - A photo from behind looking towards his shoulders is also helpful so I can see if he has one shoulder bigger than the other or muscle wastage. **Take this only IF you have a nice quiet horse. Do NOT attempt this if you have any doubts. It is entirely at your own risk!!** Again horse must be standing as square as possible on even ground – especially in front and head straight.



#3 - Take a photo of the saddle sitting on the horses back – again following the directions above.



#4 - The take a photo of the rider on the saddle on the horse – again following the directions above. It can be with or without a saddle blanket.



#5 - If you can ride in a white saddle blanket or if you have a coloured saddle blanket that you have only used with that saddle if fine too - take a photo of this after riding. Try and take it facing right to the middle of it.



I only need 1 of each photo and please make sure it is a small file.

You may have other angles that I need to see for a particular problem. Take them and send them through as well. If you have any particular concerns please write something with the photos as well so I know what they are.

Please Note: Try not to send me a million photos of angles of the same thing. I would rather see the basics and then ask for other photos if needed. Don't forget SMALL FILE!!

VIDEOS:

These are best taken on your phone as they seem to come through as a small file which I can open easily. Otherwise put them on a memory stick and send them to me on that. If you want the memory stick returned then send a self-addressed envelope with postage paid in with the stick and I will return it. Otherwise there is information above about sending photos and videos.

If for saddle fitting problems I like to see side view walk and rising trot definitely. Canter if a problem with that gait and if jumping I want to see you in two point position as well as going over a small jump if possible.

If you have any behavioural symptoms then video them and send them to me. Always give a written explanation as well on your case notes form.