CLINICAL REASONING FORM

Part A – To be completed following the subjective (owner and veterinarian) examination.

1. **List the functional problems being experienced by the patient.**
   Cues: Is the animal lame, potential pain mechanisms, physical impairments, external influences i.e. farrier, rider – tack, racing surfaces and psychosocial issues such as sleeping environment, training-exercise regime, age, diet etc. Include the primary Veterinary diagnosis, including orthopaedic and systemic conditions.

2. **Complete the following:**

Primary hypothesis for source of symptoms	Patho/biological process	Likely physical findings
Alternative hypothesis (1) for source of symptoms	Patho/biological process	Likely physical findings
Alternative hypothesis (2) for source of symptoms	Patho/biological process	Likely physical findings

3. **Indicate any sport specific, functional orientated or economic consequences of the functional problems.**

4. **Will you complete a full physical assessment today? Explain.**

Part B – To be completed following objective assessment.

Provisional functional diagnosis	
Patho/biological mechanisms (outline)	
Physical impairments (outcome measures)	
Contributing factors including conformation, foot biomechanics (outcome measures)	
Any evident psychosocial factors: (outcome measures)	

MANAGEMENT

Goal of treatment for Day 1	
Treatment chosen	
Treatment effect	
Progression or plan for next treatment	
Home management plan	

*What are your **short term goals** for this patient?*
Explain how these will be achieved and include the time period for each goal.

What are the **long term goals**?
Explain how these will be achieved and include the time period for each goal.

POSSIBLE PROGNOSTIC FACTORS

FAVOURABLE	UNFAVOURABLE

What would constitute a successful outcome of treatment for this patient?

Approximately how many treatments over what time period do you estimate are required to achieve a successful outcome for this patient?

Number: _____treatments   **Time Period:** _____days / weeks / months

REFLECTION
PART C (to be completed after initial full assessment)

1. **Does your provisional hypothesis in part B match your primary hypothesis in part A?**

   If not, what information can you now recognise that you initially missed, mis-interpreted, under or over-weighted?

PART D (to be completed after 3-4 treatments)

DATE: _____

1. **Outline any changes you have had to make to your provisional diagnosis and explain your reasoning.**

2. **Comment on the progress made by the patient with the short and long term goals.**

PART E (to be completed at discharge)

DATE: _____

1.   **Comment on the progress made by the patient with the short and long term goals.**

2.   **Highlight the hypotheses categories on the clinical pattern form (Part F) that were the strongest indicators of the patient's outcome and comment.**

PART F CLINICAL PATTERN FORM

Use the table to note the key features of the clinical presentation that would help you to recognise it again.

Clinical diagnosis:	
Area of Pain	
Behaviour of symptoms	
History	
Observation and movement patterns	
Neural system findings	
Muscular system findings	
Articular system findings	

Clinical reasoning report to referring veterinarian

CLINICAL REPORT (to be completed after three treatments)
Patient's Name: _____
Referred to Physiotherapy by: _____
Date: _____

Provisional Diagnosis (Veterinarian):

Functional Diagnosis (your provisional diagnosis):

The key assessment findings on Day 1 were:

Initial treatment consisted of:

Which aimed to:

The effect of treatment was:

Since the third treatment session, there has been (circle) no / some modification of the functional diagnosis. The physical assessment findings and/or treatment effects supporting this decision are:

The treatment approach has been (circle) modified or progressed by:
The prognosis and plan for the next three treatments is as follows: