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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026B01**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: In the morning the sick horse was found to be febrile and sweating in the stall. The attending veterinarian examined the horse and began treatment on the backside. The horse was rapidly shipped to the hospital for more intensive treatment. Despite treatment the horse expired the following morning at the hospital.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed the cause of death as septicemia. There was diffuse necrotizing colitis with Salmonella detected by PCR, but not isolated. The stomach had ulcers, adult Ascaris worms were found in the small intestine, worm eggs present in the feces, and the heart had sub endocardial hemorrhages suggestive of septicemia.

Racing/Training History: The horse was unraced with only one recorded workout.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had right hind fetlock surgery in February of 2024, as a yearling, and was given an excellent prognosis. The horse was flagged on track in February of 2025 for right hind lameness. The right hind fetlock was injected in July 2025.

Pre-race Examinations: N/A.

Conclusion: This horse succumbed to the sequela of colitis, endotoxemia and septicemia, despite hospitalization for treatment.