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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026B03**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: While running in a race the horse suffered a hind end injury and fell, losing the rider. The horse was unable to rise or ambulate the hind legs. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed fractures of the third and fourth lumbar vertebrae (L3 and L4 respectively), with spinal cord impingement at L3. There was a preexisting periosteal callus bridging the body of L3 and L4 on the ventral aspect. The pelvis had a callus on the pubic symphysis.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 7 lifetime starts and had been racing consistently for the previous 5 months.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse received vitamins and occasionally was dispensed oral anti-inflammatory medication.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted mild bilateral shin exostosis, moderate scars on the right hind shin, and the left knee with mild joint effusion.

Conclusion: This horse suffered a back fracture that resulted in spinal cord impingement while racing and was humanely euthanized.