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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026C01**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse was found to have a fever early in the morning, and the attending veterinarian found a significantly elevated heart rate, and a possible large colon displacement on rectal examination. The horse was immediately shipped to the hospital. Upon arrival the horse was severely ill and given a guarded prognosis. Despite treatment the horse expired quickly after admission to the hospital.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed the horse suffered enterotyphlocolitis from an undetermined cause. The small intestine was hemorrhagic with villus shortening and submucosal edema, consistent lesions seen in duodenitis-proximal jejunitis (DPJ). Typhlocolitis of the cecum and right ventral colon. The colitis panel yielded all negative results, as did the toxicology.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 4 lifetime starts beginning at the age of 3. The horse had recently been claimed. The horse was scratched as injured and placed on the Vets list on 10/13/2025.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse was diagnosed with a suspensory injury as a two-year-old. The horse had several episodes of tying up, and a hind end lameness was reported on 10/1/2025.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted bilateral joint capsule hypertrophy of the knees and front fetlocks, and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints.

Conclusion: This horse suffered an unexpected and fatal case of DJP due to an unknown cause despite treatment.