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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026B02**

Horse Information: Fifteen-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The pony horse was found deceased in the stall first thing in the morning.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed the cause of death as hypovolemic shock due to an abdominal aortic rupture that resulted in a hemoabdomen.

Racing/Training History: The horse's career began as a racehorse and was retired due to an injury. The horse had been used as a pony horse for approximately 8 years. The pony was currently on stall rest.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had recent radiographs of the front feet and was on stall rest.

Pre-race Examinations: N/A.

Conclusion: This horse suffered a rupture of the abdominal aorta and expired due to hypovolemic shock.