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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026B09**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse began showing signs of colic early in the morning and was immediately shipped to the hospital. There it was found the colic required surgical correction. Surgery was declined and the horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed an omental (epiploic) foramen entrapment of the distal ileum, pale thick-walled small intestine with dilated serosal lymphatics and mucosal and serosal hemorrhages, and mucosal edema of the cecum and proximal colons. No etiologic agents [bacteria, viruses, fungi, parasites] were seen in the large intestinal sections.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 1 lifetime start overseas. The horse had scratched twice due to illness, once in the summer of 2024 and once in the spring of 2025.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse became febrile in the summer and fall of 2024, and again in early 2025. Each time the horse had blood work performed and completed a course of antibiotics. The right front fetlock had soft tissue swelling in March of 2025 and was placed on antibiotics.

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

Conclusion: This horse suffered an uncommon cause of colic, and at the hospital surgery was declined and the horse humanely euthanized.