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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary # 2025L13**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: After finishing the race, the horse appeared exhausted and was ambulated off the racetrack. The horse collapsed in the ambulance and was unable to rise. The horse was off loaded and treated by a regulatory veterinarian. The horse remained recumbent until expiration.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination could not determine the cause of death, but pulmonary histology was consistent with exercise associated fatal pulmonary hemorrhage (EAFPH). It was unknown if this process was the primary cause of death, secondary to sudden cardiovascular collapse, or another pathophysiologic mechanism.

Racing/Training History: The horse had five lifetime starts.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had joint injections performed in May, August, and September 2025.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted mild joint capsule hypertrophy of both knees, slight front fetlock effusion, and both front shins to have slight exostosis.

Conclusion: The cause of death was not determined in this case, but the histology on necropsy showed signs of EAFPH. Further research is needed to understand the etiology of EAFPH.