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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025H01**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: Following an upper respiratory tract surgery the horse was placed on several different antibiotics. The horse was treated for colic and immediately shipped to the hospital. Despite aggressive, continuous care for colitis the horse continued to decline. The horse expired while hospitalized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed severe necrohemorrhagic typhlocolitis, with several bacteria cultured from the liver, lungs, and colon. There were hemorrhages in the colon, lungs, and the heart. Roundworms were identified in the intestines and eggs detected in the feces.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 4 lifetime starts.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had joint injections in the fall of 2024. The horse began making noise during training, and an upper airway endoscopy was performed. It was recommended that the horse have upper airway surgery, which occurred in October 2024. The horse was treated with several different antibiotics post-surgery for an upper airway infection.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations noted special shoeing on several occasions. Both knees and the right front fetlock had mild joint effusion.

Conclusion: This horse developed colitis from the antibiotic therapy. The horse expired from the sequela of the colitis.