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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025E03**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Quarter Horse

Incident Summary: The horse sustained an injury to the left knee while running in a race. When the horse fell the right knee was also fractured and the horse broke its neck. The horse expired from a transected spinal cord.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed bilateral carpal fractures with subluxation of the second and third cervical vertebrae joint, and complete transection of the spinal cord at that level.

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

Veterinary History Summary: The left knee had a scar from an injury sustained as a yearling. The horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List as unsound on the left front in the summer of 2024. The horse had both knees injected intra articular twice in the summer of 2024, and received Adequan injections regularly.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlocks. The left knee was noted to have a large scar, and the right knee with slight joint effusion.

Conclusion: This horse fractured the left knee which caused the horse to collapse. Consequently, with the fall, the horse got a fracture in the contralateral (right) knee and suffered subluxation of the 2nd-3rd vertebral joint with the complete transection of the spinal cord.