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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025J04**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: Following a morning work, the rider heard a loud noise and the horse was pulled up. The horse was vanned back to the barn, where it was reluctant to walk but bearing weight evenly on all legs. The horse was diagnosed with a presumed pelvic fracture, and was placed on a tie line in the stall. Over the next several days the horse improved until the nightwatchman found the horse lying down. The horse stood up and was noted to have progressively worse right hind leg swelling from suspected hemorrhage. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed complete bilateral, displaced, comminuted iliac wing fractures. There was severe hemorrhage and edema with blood clots in the subcutaneous and soft tissues of the medial aspect of right hind leg and the right retroperitoneal space. Both iliac wings had subperiosteal woven bone, i.e. a callus, near the fracture lines.

Racing/Training History: The horse never raced, and had just returned to training from a layoff for a previous hind end injury.

Veterinary History Summary: In the summer of 2024 the horse had a hind end nuclear scintigraphy study, and blood work completed for a suspect tying up episode. Upon return to training the horse had acepromazine tablets dispensed.

Pre-race Examinations: The horse had 2 regulatory vet exams performed which noted mild bilateral front fetlock joint capsule hypertrophy.

Conclusion: This horse suffered a catastrophic pelvic fracture.