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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025H04**

Horse Information: Six-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse was being treated for a right hind foot abscess. The horse suffered supporting limb laminitis of the left hind foot. Despite multiple modalities of treatment the horse remained uncomfortable and was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a right hind foot abscess with extensive and severe inflammation and necrosis, including P3. The left hind foot had severe chronic laminitis with ventral rotation of P3.

Racing/Training History: The horse did not race as 2-year-old, and had 2 lifetime starts. The horse had a painful right hind foot quarter crack at the end of January 2025 and had stopped training as a result.

Veterinary History Summary: The knees were radiographed in 2023, and the front fetlocks in 2025. The horse had left front fetlock surgery in 2023 and returned to training in the summer of 2024. The horse had a PET scan on the front fetlocks in 2023 and 2025.

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

Conclusion: A right hind foot quarter crack progressed to an abscess that resulted in a right hind coffin bone osteomyelitis, and a left hind foot severe laminitis. The horse was humanely euthanized due to pain and quality of life concerns.