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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025K02**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: Following an arthroscopic surgery the horse began to colic and was referred to the hospital. The horse was diagnosed with a large colon torsion and sent to surgery. The torsion was reduced and revealed the necrotic and hemorrhagic colon that required a resection. Based on the resection and the poor prognosis the decision was made to humanely euthanize the horse.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a necro hemorrhagic large colon with colitis, and the front right fetlock with evidence of recent surgery.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 3 lifetime starts and had a regular work pattern.

Veterinary History Summary: Following the last race the horse was sore in the right front fetlock, and radiographs revealed a chip. The horse had arthroscopic surgery for chip removal, and upon recovery began to show signs of colic. The horse was shipped to the hospital for colic surgery, but due to complications the horse was humanely euthanized.

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

Conclusion: This horse suffered a severe case of colic from a colon torsion. The horse was humanely euthanized on the surgical table.