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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025L07**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse became acutely ill at the racetrack and was immediately shipped to the hospital with a fever and diarrhea. Early in the morning on the second day in the hospital, the horse became severely uncomfortable and was unresponsive to medical therapy. The horse was given a guarded prognosis for surgery. The horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed right dorsal displacement of the large colon, with a 360-degree counterclockwise torsion of the left colons. Sections of the colon were congested, hemorrhagic, and necrotic suggestive of septicemia. Several bacteria were isolated from the lung, oral mucosa, and the liver suggestive of septicemia.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 4 lifetime starts and breezed the day prior to becoming ill.

Veterinary History Summary: In May of 2024 the horse had a full body nuclear scintigraphy study completed as part of the pre purchase exam. In October of 2024 the horse was febrile and was placed on a course of antibiotics. The horse fell ill again in December 2024 and was hospitalized.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. The left front deep digital flexor tendon was noted as slightly enlarged.

Conclusion: The horse suffered the sequela of colitis and a colon torsion with septicemia. The horse and was humanely euthanized.