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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025G05**

Horse Information: Six-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: Post race while cooling out at the barn, the horse collapsed and expired.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed the cause of death as hypovolemic shock due to a hemoabdomen. No fractures or abnormalities were seen in the bones of the lumbosacral vertebrae and pelvis. There were no visible tears or aneurysms in the abdominal aorta and its branches. No anticoagulants or toxicologic agents were detected.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 6 lifetime starts, with several gaps in racing. This was the first out following a long layoff.

Veterinary History Summary: In 2021 both front fetlocks were injected with hyaluronic acid, and in June 2022 both hocks were injected with corticosteroid. In late 2023 the horse was placed on the Vet's List as injured for right front concerns. The recent layoff was reported for a sore back.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints, and right knee joint effusion in February 2023.

Conclusion: This was a case of an unexplained hemoabdomen that resulted in a fatality.