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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025G01**

Horse Information: Five-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse began to colic and was promptly shipped to the hospital. The horse did not respond to medical therapy and was given a poor surgical prognosis. The horse was humanely euthanized at the hospital.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed an epiploic foramen entrapment of the mid to distal segments of the small intestine. This entrapped segment strangulated and obstructed the large colon.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 28 lifetime starts. The horse had a 4 month layoff and resumed training for just over a month when the colic occurred.

Veterinary History Summary: In 2021 the right hind fetlock was radiographed, and the right front fetlock injected intra articularly. In 2022 the left front fetlock was radiographed.

Pre-race Examinations: From 2021 until 2023 the horse was noted as having a $\frac{3}{4}$ shoe on the left front foot, which at times had mild heat. Intermittently the right front fetlock was noted to have slight joint effusion.

Conclusion: This was a case of severe colic caused by epiploic foramen entrapment. The horse was given a poor surgical prognosis and was humanely euthanized.