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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025E12**

Horse Information: Two-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse was unresponsive to treatment for colic at the racetrack and was immediately shipped to the hospital. The horse was treated medically for an impaction colic for four days, when abruptly a secondary complication required surgery. The surgical prognosis was guarded, and therefore the horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a greater than 360-degree torsion of the large colon. Sections of the colon were necrotic and grossly distended.

Racing/Training History: The horse had three lifetime starts.

Veterinary History Summary: For a very brief period following the start of training the horse received acepromazine. On three occasions the horse received methocarbamol.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. The front fetlocks were noted to have joint effusion, left greater than the right, but were negative to flexion.

Conclusion: This horse suffered an impaction colic that led to a colon torsion. Surgical correction was offered but given a very guarded prognosis. The horse was humanely euthanized.