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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2025C05**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Thoroughbred.

Incident Summary: The horse suffered a wound on the head that was unresponsive to antibiotics and pain medication. The horse was transferred to the hospital for treatment where it became tachycardic and developed myocarditis. The horse was humanely euthanized at the hospital.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed a chronic active ulcerative wound on the poll. The heart had myocarditis, and the brain showed encephalitis.

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

Veterinary History Summary: The horse was scratched from a race in July 2023 and placed on the Vet's List as unsound. In March 2024 the horse was placed on the Vet's list for an injured right front leg. In July 2024 the horse suffered a poll wound that was not responding to treatment. The horse was transferred to the hospital for continued veterinary care. While hospitalized the horse worsened and suffered encephalitis and myocarditis. 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 fetlocks. The right knee was noted to have joint effusion, with the right front proximal suspensory with mild thickening.

Conclusion: The horse ultimately succumbed to the sequela of a poll wound that resulted in encephalitis, myocarditis, and disseminated intravascular coagulopathy. The horse was humanely euthanized.