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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #2026H03**

Horse Information: Three-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: The horse was found early in the morning showing signs of colic in the stall. The attending veterinarian treated the horse and immediately referred the horse to the hospital. At the hospital the horse showed increasing signs of pain and diagnostics supported the need for surgical intervention. Surgery was declined and the horse was humanely euthanized.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination revealed approximately a 360-degree anticlockwise small intestinal volvulus at the root of the mesentery that involved approximately twelve meters of small intestine. The cecum was displaced with blood-tinged contents, and the stomach was distended with gas and ingesta.

Racing/Training History: The horse had 10 lifetime starts.

Veterinary History Summary: The horse had bilateral carpal surgery in January 2025. The horse had joint injections performed in October 2025 and routinely received Adequan injections.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted mild joint capsule hypertrophy and a decreased range of motion in both front fetlock joints. Both front superficial digital flexor tendons were mildly enlarged.

Conclusion: This horse suffered a severe colic that required surgical correction which was declined and the horse was humanely euthanized.