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To whom it may concern

Horse ID: Downbytheseaside/Destiny Filly '23
Horse Sex: Female
Colour: Bay
Breed: Standardbred

The above horse underwent bilateral surgery of the tarsocrural joints to remove OCD fragments of the distal intermediate ridge of the tibia on approximately 2/12/24. The horse was referred by our clinic to have the surgery performed at Vet Associates Karaka.

If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to call the clinic.

Yours sincerely

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Case Summary:

History:

Stevie is a yearling Standardbred filly that was presented to Veterinary Associates Equine Hospital for evaluation and treatment of a previously diagnosed right hock osteochondral fragment at the distal intermediate ridge of the tibia. Radiographs were obtained by Dr. Mark Young due to effusion of the right tibiotarsal joint. Stevie is reportedly not lame.

Physical examination:

Stevie was bright, alert and responsive on presentation. All vital parameters were within normal limits. Mild effusion was detected in the right tibiotarsal joint and no effusion was noted in the left tibiotarsal joint.

Diagnostic workup and treatment:

Radiographs of the left tarsus (hock):

- Osteochondral fragmentation detected at the distal intermediate ridge of the tibia

Arthroscopic evaluation and debridement of both tibiotarsal joints:

- Stevie was induced under anaesthesia and the procedure was performed in the operating room
- 2 skin incisions were created in the front of each joint to facilitate the procedure
- Arthroscopic evaluation of the joint revealed no intra-articular damage or change in either of the hocks joints.
- A variety of rongeurs, curettes and mechanical burrs were used to remove the fragments and lightly debrided the underlying subchondral bone
- The joints were thoroughly lavaged postoperatively and radiographs confirmed complete removal of all fragments
- The skin incisions were closed with nonabsorbable suture and the legs were bandaged
- Stevie recovered from surgery with no immediate complications

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