

21 November 2024

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SURGICAL REPORT

Re: Our Melody – Bettor's Delight 2023
Microchip: 985100012202015
Owner: Woodlands Stud

On 21 November 2024 the above described colt underwent arthroscopic surgery of the left hock to explore the source of tibiotarsal joint effusion. A routine dorsal approach was made to the joint. Small free fragments of cartilage were removed from the synovium of the tibiotarsal joint. A small osteochondral lesion was removed from the distal aspect of the intermediate ridge of the tibia and underlying bone was debrided to healthy margins. The joint was flushed and portals were closed routinely.

Management:

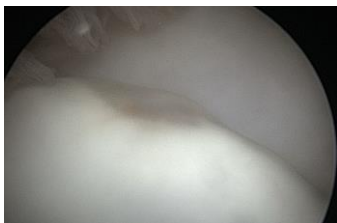
1. Rest: please maintain the horse on box rest for two weeks followed by two weeks in a small yard.
2. Bute: give 8ml by mouth once a day for three days starting 22 November 2024.
3. Suture removal: please have sutures removed 2 December 2024.
4. Bandaging: please have the bandage changed in 24 hours and then every four days for three more bandage changes.
5. We recommend the use of Pentosan in the muscle and 4-Cyte in feed to encourage growth of healthy new cartilage in the three months following surgery. It is recommended to start this at suture removal.

Intravenous and intramuscular injections have been administered to this horse. Please monitor the catheter, injection sites, and incisions closely. Please contact the MVS Equine Hospital if there are any signs of heat, pain, swelling and/or discharge.

Yours sincerely



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Osteochondral lesion DIRT L Hock



Post-Debridement

Please ensure that this report is forwarded to the horse's owner(s) and the person(s) responsible for the future care of the horse, as well as to the insurer, if applicable.