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## SURGICAL REPORT

**Re: Santa Maria – Downbytheseaside 2023 colt**  
**Microchip:** 985100012202149  
**Owner:** Woodlands Stud

On 30 December 2024, the above described horse underwent arthroscopic surgery of the right hock. A routine dorsal approach was made to the right tibiotarsal joint. A fragment was removed from the distal aspect of the intermediate ridge of the tibia and the subchondral bone was debrided to healthy margins. There was minimal damage to the cartilage in the joint. Portals were closed routinely.

Prognosis for athletic use is excellent.

### Management:

1. Rest: please maintain the horse on box rest for 2 weeks followed by 2 weeks in a small yard.
2. Once the horse is no longer in a bandage, he can begin hand walking for his sales preparation.
3. Bute: give 8ml by mouth once a day for 3 days starting 1 January 2025.
4. Suture removal: please have sutures removed 10 January 2025.
5. Bandaging: please have the bandage changed every 4 days for 3 more bandage changes. The next bandage change is due on 3 January 2025.

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



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