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**Surgical Report: Dance With Dragons\_King Of The North 24c**

**Lot: 249**

**Procedure: Bilateral hock arthroscopy**

**Agent: Dancingtonmoonlight Ltd**

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On November 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 'Dance With Dragons\_King Of The North 24c' was presented to the Rangiora Veterinary Centre Equine Hospital for bilateral hock arthroscopy. Radiographs confirmed bilateral OCD fragments of the left and right distal intermediate ridge of the tibiae and the distal lateral trochlear ridges of the tali.

The left tarsocrural joint was entered and explored arthroscopically. There was a 5mm x 3mm OCD fragment on the distal lateral trochlear ridge of the talus, and a larger multifragmented OCD lesion (15mm x 5mm) of the distal intermediate ridge of the tibia. There were two smaller loose fragments at the proximal intertarsal joint. All fragments were removed, and the fragment beds were debrided to normal subchondral bone. The joint was lavaged thoroughly prior to routine closure of the incisions.

The right tarsocrural joint was entered and explored arthroscopically. There was a large OCD fragment (20mm x 9mm) of the distal intermediate ridge of the tibia and a smaller OCD lesion of the distal lateral trochlear ridges of the talus. The fragments were removed, and the fragment beds were debrided to normal subchondral bone. The joint was lavaged thoroughly prior to routine closure of the incisions.

There were no additional cartilage damage or wear lines in the left and right tarsocrural joints.

The surgical sites had sterile bandages applied. Recovery from anaesthesia was uneventful.

The colt has a good prognosis for racing.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the clinic.

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