



15 October 2021

SURGICAL REPORT

Re: Elegant Art – Bettor's Delight 2020 colt
Brand: 202554
Microchip: 985100012184061
Owner: Woodlands Stud

On 14 October 2021, the above described colt underwent arthroscopic surgery of the left hock for removal of an osteochondral fragment. A routine dorsal approach was made to the left hock and a fragment was removed from the distal aspect of the lateral trochlear ridge. The underlying subchondral bone was debrided to healthy margins and portals were closed routinely. The same was repeated on the right hock to explore a radiographically visible defect on the distal aspect of the lateral trochlear ridge. Cartilage at this site was found to be within normal limits on arthroscopy. The colt recovered well and is being discharged with the following directions.

Management:

1. Rest: please maintain the colt on box rest for three weeks followed by three weeks in a small yard.
2. Bute: please give 5ml once a day by mouth for three more days.
3. Suture removal: please have sutures removed 25 October 2021.
4. Bandaging: please have bandages changed every four days for four bandage changes. Change sooner if the bandage slips or becomes soiled.
5. Given the presence of effusion in this joint prior to surgery, it is recommended that the left tarsocrural joint be injected with corticosteroid in four to six weeks to achieve the best cosmetic outcome post-operatively.

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

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