



## VETERINARY REPORT

BETTORS DELIGHT - DIAMOND LACE, 2020 bay standardbred gelding\*  
Owner: Breckon Farms Ltd

Friday, 23 October 2020

The aforementioned foal was admitted to Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre on Thursday, 22 October 2020 with a history of a large inguinal hernia (right sided) unresponsive to conservative management. Due to the size and lack of improvement - a surgical solution was sought.

On Friday, 23 October 2020, following induction of general anaesthesia and routine aseptic preparation of the surgical site, the hernial sac was dissected away from the neighbouring tissues. The neck of the hernial sac was intimately associated with the inguinal ring, but appeared to be a direct hernia - a separate tear in the tissues adjacent to the ring - rather than being related to the spermatic cord and testis. The testicle and associated structures were removed with a conventional castration and the inguinal ring was closed with the neck of the hernia incorporated in the repair. The fascia and dead-space left behind after removal of the tissues was "closed-down" as much as possible with buried sutures. The skin was closed with intra-dermal sutures. The left side was castrated with a closed castration, inguinal technique. The skin was closed.

Due to the swelling prior to surgery, there is a chance of some fluid accumulation following surgery - hopefully this will be self limiting.

The foal will require restricted activities - confined to a small yard rather than turnout, for the first two weeks following surgery.

Please administer 7.5ml SulphaT paste twice daily until Tuesday, 27 October 2020. Please monitor for increasing swelling, discomfort or wound discharge - please notify us if you are concerned.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at the clinic.

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