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VETERINARY REPORT

Horse: Tessa Burrito

Owner: Lees Racing

The above filly underwent surgery at the Newcastle Equine Centre for colic on the 10/8/19.

At the hospital the filly was initially mildly uncomfortable. Rectal and ultrasound examination were unremarkable except for a persistent loop of distended small intestine. It was treated with intravenous fluids, and anti-inflammatories. The filly required small doses of analgesia a couple times through the day. Due to persistent pain and failure to pass feces and later beginnings of toxemia the filly was taken to surgery.

At exploratory surgery the mare was found to have an impaction of the large colon (right dorsal colon). A pelvic flexure enterotomy in the large colon was performed to evacuate the impacted intestine. After evacuation of the impaction a mass deep (elongated uneven large egg plant size) in the abdomen occluding the entrance to the small colon was palpated. This was floated up with lavage and external massage to a level outside the abdomen but could not be advanced further down the colon due to its size and shape. A second enterotomy was made over the mass in the left dorsal colon. The mass was removed (a fecalith) and the enterotomy incision closed in two layers. The enterotomy incisions were closed in routinely in two layers (simple continuous over sown with an inverting pattern. The bowel wall was flushed in sterile saline and replaced in normal position in the abdomen. Closure of the belly wall was routine in three layers with a stent applied for recovery. The filly recovered well from the anaesthetic.

Post-operative treatment has included intravenous fluids, systemic antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, lignocaine and gradual reintroduction to oral water and then food.

The filly is progressing well at this stage

The prognosis is good for survival and race soundness at this stage.

If you have further questions please call.

Sincerely,

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