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Veterinary Examination Report

Horse: God's Fling. Three-year-old bay filly.

Microchip: 985100012194810

Trainer: Marc Chevalier

Date of Examination: 23 February 2024

God's Fling was examined on 23 February 2024 due to concerns regarding respiratory noise and performance after racing. The filly had an upper airway endoscopy.

Endoscopy of the upper airway revealed grade 4 laryngeal movements (Lane scale). This means that the left arytenoid cartilage is unable to abduct to the fully open position and the horse is suffering left laryngeal hemiplagia. Due to this partial paralysis of the left arytenoid, the horse cannot breathe well during high intensity exercise.

Surgical correction of this condition is achieved using a 'tie-back' procedure in which the arytenoid is tied open using an implant. The airway is held approximately 70% open, allowing reasonable breathing during exercise, whilst minimising food and water entering the airways when eating and drinking.

This procedure costs approximately \$5500 and requires an 8 week spell. The horse has a good prognosis for return to racing.

A more accurate understanding of this horse's respiratory condition can be obtained by performing a dynamic respiratory scope. This involves a portable endoscope being attached to the head of the horse while it gallops on the track, recording a video of the airway during exercise. It is unlikely that this video would change the prognosis or surgical opinion for this case.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

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