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Dear Ciaron,

**Shamus Award X Sharing 21C** underwent a standing tie back procedure on the left side of the larynx on 12 February, 2024. The horse stood well throughout the procedure and the surgery was completed without complication. Endoscopic examination during the procedure confirmed the position of the left cartilage was positioned in a grade 2 pull out (see attached picture).

Approximately 60% of horses have improved athletic performance after this procedure, however, permanent pull out of the left cartilage can result in several complications, the most common being coughing and/or nasal discharge of feed. In many horses, this will settle over the first 2 weeks. Other complications that may occur are:

1. Partial or complete failure of the prosthesis if the suture pulls out of the cartilage.
2. Chondritis (infection/inflammation of the cartilage).

These complications can become evident as soon as 1 week after surgery or several weeks or months later. The more severe complications can result in failure of the procedure. In some horses, a degree of abnormal respiratory noise remains.

**Shamus Award X Sharing 21C** will be fed tomorrow morning and provided there is no excessive coughing or any other complications associated with the surgery, the horse will be ready to leave the hospital on Friday morning.

Yours sincerely,

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