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R Shoulder

32 over 0

DATE 24<sup>th</sup> October

Horse: Capital Call, 4yo bay thoroughbred gelding

Brands: L Shoulder Jockey cap over three conjoined diamonds

Microchip: 985100012180833

Trainer: G Waterhouse and A Bott

Property: Waterhouse/Bott racing stables, Flemington, Vic.

Capital Call was examined yesterday for RF lameness that had been present intermittently since he arrived at the Flemington stables. The gelding had normally warmed out of the lameness but today had remained 1-2/5. Blocks confirmed the lameness was predominantly associated with the R mid-carpal joint (knee) and x-rays were taken of both knees. These x-rays showed moderate sclerosis in the RF third carpal bone and mild sclerosis in the LF third carpal bone. These are common changes in young racehorses and indicate the bones have not fully adapted to the workload.

Capital Call had been spelled previously for a similar problem and had arthramid injected into both mid-carpal joints in May 2024. The available options were discussed with Gai and Dr Leanne Begg (Sydney stables head veterinarian) and it was decided the best course of action for Capital Call, was to inject the RF mid-carpal joint with triamcinolone acetate (cortisone) and hyaluronic acid (HA) and continue in training. The RF midcarpal joint was injected this morning and the horse will have a few quiet days before returning to full training.

Prognosis for this horse racing is good but he will require management throughout his racing career. This management would include pentosan/cartrophen weekly injections, daily 4 cyte epiitalis, daily oral HA and work modifications (swimming, beaching and treadmill exercise).

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or queries.

Regards

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