

26 November 2020

Surgical Report: Orca

Procedure: Bilateral hock arthroscopy

Agent: Yardley Farm

Referring Veterinarian: T. Montgomery

On November 26, 2020, "Orca" was presented to Auckland Veterinary Centre for bilateral hock arthroscopy. The horse was induced under general anaesthesia and placed in dorsal recumbency. Both hock regions were clipped, prepared and draped in routine sterile fashion. The left tarsocrural joint was entered and explored arthroscopically. There was a semi-adhered fragment at the distal intermediate ridge of the tibia, consistent with an osteochondritis dissecans lesion. The fragment was elevated and removed. The fragment bed was debrided down to healthy subchondral bone. The joint was lavaged thoroughly with sterile Hartmann's solution. The incisions were closed routinely and a sterile bandage was applied. The right tarsocrural joint was entered and explored arthroscopically. There was a small area of thin and fibrillated cartilage at the distal intermediate ridge of the tibia. When probed, the subchondral bone was slightly soft. No other abnormalities were seen on exploration of the joint. The abnormal cartilage and bone were debrided down to healthy subchondral bone. The joint was lavaged and the incisions were closed routinely. A sterile bandage was applied. Recovery from anaesthesia was uneventful.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact the clinic.



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