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Veterinary Report : Spanish Armada Yearling, a Standardbred yearling,  
Owned by Taffy , Ltd, C/O Todd Anderson  
316 Calder Road  
R D 2  
Winton, 9782.

The above yearling presented to Canterbury Equine Clinic on the 11th of October 2021 for treatment of an osteochondral fragment in the left hock.

**Surgical Procedure:**

The right hock was x-rayed and no abnormalities were found. The colt was positioned in dorsal recumbency (on his back). A standard arthroscopic approach was made to the tarsocrural joint. A large osteochondral fragment was present at the distal aspect of the lateral trochlear ridge of the talus, this was removed. Exploration of the remainder of the joint was performed and overall cartilage health was good. Following fragment removal the joints were copiously lavaged and then the portals closed with non-absorbable suture material. The hock was bandaged and the horse placed in recovery. Recovery was smooth.

**Summary:**

Osteochondral fragment of the lateral trochlear ridge of the talus in the right hock. The prognosis for athletic soundness after surgical removal of a fragment in this location is good.

Should you require any further information regarding this case, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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