

SURGICAL REPORT

EAGLE TARZAN - 3-year-old, bay, gelding.
Left shoulder: Lazy D over M inside A conjoined, Right shoulder: 29 over 8
Owner: Horse Feng Bloodstock Ltd
Trainer: Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, Cambridge.

20 April 2022

The aforementioned horse was admitted to Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre on 20 April 2022 with a history of progressive onset of an inspiratory noise at exercise. A recent endoscopy graded his laryngeal function at 4 out of 5 (lane scale). In order to maximise his future racing potential, a "Tieback" surgery (prosthetic laryngoplasty) was advised.

Surgery was performed on to 'Tie-back' the weakened left side of the larynx; this involves placing a heavy gauge prosthesis through the laryngeal cartilages to replace the function of the failed muscle - maintaining the left side larynx in a state of permanent semi-contraction.

On this occasion, we did not perform a hobday procedure at the same time as there appears to be a protective benefit by leaving the structures there.

The horse has a relatively uneventful recovery. Follow-up endoscopy showed that the cartilage had been abducted into a good position and the horse is not experiencing any difficulties eating / swallowing.

Management:

Feed soaked hay from the floor and dampen any hard feed. Occasionally some horses cough with lush spring grass and different types of food due to the interference in swallowing function, but if no signs of coughing are seen early on with normal food, this may not happen. If there are any signs of excessive nasal discharge and coughing when eating please notify your regular vet.

Please administer ***SulphaT 30ml twice daily until 25 April 2022 and 6ml Phenylbute paste twice daily until 28 April 2022.***

The horse requires **4 weeks of box / small yard rest** (until 18 May 2022) but can be walked out in hand if he is quiet. The horse can then be turned out or normal ridden activities can begin, in early June.

Staples should be removed on or around 2 May 2022.

Please observe for any heat or discharge or significant swelling from the surgical sites, please notify us if you are concerned.

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